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In the year of our Lord 1841.

John Newland, Frances Newland, Parents, Frances Agnes, Daughter aged 13 years, Susan aged 7 years, John (Son) aged 6 years, William (Son) aged 2 years. Left London on Saturday March 6th by steam boat and arrived in Catwater Plymouth at ½ past 11 o'clock on Sunday night landing on Monday where we tarried till Tuesday 16th when all embarked on board the "Amelia Thompson" laying in the Sound for the purpose of proseeeding to New Zealand or rather New Plymouth in New Zealand. Our good ship left this port at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday 25th Inst. with an easterly wind.

MARCH.

25th. Most of the Emigrants are well, one death took place this morning, an Infant in the Steerage.
26th. Emigrants all very unwell.
27th. Much as yesterday, wind quite contrary. An infant borne.
28th. Sunday contrary wind.
29th. Wind South West.
30th. Do Do Health better.
31st. Fair wind (North).

APRIL.

1st. Health of Emigrants improving.
2nd. Emigrants nearly recovered.
3rd. A very boisterous night.
4th. A fair wind, the ship going at the rate of 9 knots, all in good spirits and I think the health of the Emigrants are generally well. Prayers read and sermon delivered by the Surgeon.
5th. The wind continued fair through out last night and up this hour 11 o'clock a.m. continues this instant, saw a Whale in the Atlantic in latitude 39½ this evening 10 o'clock p.m. The wind still fair.
6th. All on board quite well and the wind North West (fair) going at 8 per hour.
7th. All well and the wind fair. Saw the Island of Porto Santo at 4 o'clock p.m. and passed it at 10. Passed a pleasant hour on deck and turned in at ½ past.
8th. The health of the Emigrants is good. The ship entered the trades this morning about 2 o'clock and is progressing very satisfactorily in latitude 31.
9th. Good friday a very beautiful day and wind fair. One death took place this morning (Female married). Saw several Nuncles the color of them sky blue the edges of extremities Pink, in appearance like a boat under sail having a very pretty appearance. Funeral of the above took place this afternoon at ½ past 5 p.m. The service was performed by Capt. King and Mr Wm. Halse. The body was consigned to the deep at 6 o'clock, as near as possible the whole of the Emigrants being present the ships crew also. Captain Dawson (Commander) and all the cabin passengers in respectful attire. In Latitude 28.
10th. Today is the first hot day we have experienced. Awning put up to shade the Emigrants.
11th. Easter Sunday a most beautiful day, wind fair and all on board well. Had hot rolls for breakfast. Cold chuk of Pork with Plum Pudding for dinner and hot bunns for tea. Divine Service performed by Mr Wm. Halse. Morning and Easter Hymns sung, this duty was done on Deck at 12 o'clock at noon, we were in Latitude 22.22N.
12th. Trade wind and all well.
13th. As above.
14th. A very fine turtle was seen close to stearn of ship wheying about 50 lb at 9 o'clock this morning. Wind fair and weather very hot. Latitude 19-54 North Longitude 25-16 West.

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15th. A flying fish seen this morning in coveys like Larks flying for a considerable distance.
16th. One birth.
17th. Very hot tolerable breese.
18th. Sunday. The sun vertical and very hot Latitude 9.
19th. Calm and very hot.
20th. Do Do Do
21st. Saw a ship early this morning ½ past 5. She proved to be the "Lord Auckland" from Bombay bound to London the Captain and Surgeon of which came on board the "Amelia Thompson" at 4 o'clock p.m. They were in want of Provisions, they were furnished with a Pig, a Sheep, a cask of Rum a few small articles and a cwt of Biscuits. As they were about to take their departure a Shark made its appearance and was taken by Capn. King by hook and line, I assisted in pulling it on deck, measured about 7 or 8 feet in length. I partook of some this evening do not dislike it. Sent a letter to Mr Wm. Roe dated 11th Inst. Easter Day and concluded it this day, it was forwarded to England by the Capn. of the above Ship after the fish fun had subsided who quitted "A. Thompson" about 6 o'clock p.m. We were at 12 o'clock in Latitude 4 - 28 Longitude 22 - 32. Very hot.
22nd. Saw a Shark this morning not far from the ship, a great many on the look out for it.
23rd. Very Hot indeed Latitude 2-5.
24th. Very Hot Latitude 1-7.
25th. Sunday. Divine Service performed by Mr Wm. Halse and Cap. Dawson. At the conclusion of the service a Shark made its appearance at the stern of the ship, the hook was broken in taking it, tried to entice it a second time but could not although it accompanied the Ship 2 hours, at last the attempt was given up. We crossed the Equator at 6 o'clock p.m. Health of the ship is good.
26th. Very Hot. Nothing particular happening till May.

MAY.

5th. Wednesday. Cast anchor in the Bay of Bahia St. Salvador South America at 3 o'clock p.m. the town presented a very pretty appearance. Went on shore 3 times very much gratifyed with all I saw, gathered oranges and fruits which were very plentiful. Saw the coffee trees and gathered fruit from them. Also the lemmon and tamirends. Mrs Merchant lossed her child (Boy).
6th. Very hot went on shore today. Nothing very particular till Sunday when we set sail.
9th. Sunday. At 4 o'clock we left the Bay of Bahia. Sent a letter to Mr Wm. Roe dated 7 Inst. by the "Andromacha".
16th. Nothing has happened up to the Sunday, in a calm and very hot.
29th. Nothing happening till Saturday 29 when Roberts lossed a child.

JUNE.

7th. Edgecomb lossed a child.
8th. The weather very gloomy, all day the wind blowing almost if not quite a strong gale which lasted till 4 o'clock next morning.
9th. A tolerable day and all well, the sea came on us terifically.
10th. A very fine day indeed till 6 o'clock when we experienced a very severe gale which lasted till 12 o'clock the severest we have had since we left.
11th. From 12 o'clock last night to this hour the wind and weather has been very fine. We spoke to the Barque "Royal Saxon" from Waterford (Ireland) to Port Phillip with Emigrants. We are now in Latitude 38.24 Longitude 25 - 40 East.
12th. Nothing very particular.
13th. Sunday. About 1 o'clock in the afternoon spoke to the Ship "Ellen of Liverpool" from . . . . . to Sidney 310 Emigrants. Experienced a strong gale wind blowing from . . . . commenced about 9 o'clock and lasted till 6 o'clock next morning. The gale more severe than the former.
14th. Mrs Brown safely delivered of a Daughter about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

15th. Very fine weather indeed. Longitude 40 East.
16th. A very fine day indeed. In Latitude Longt.
17th. Nothing particular.
18th. Oxenham's child born. Fine day and contrary wind.
19th. Much as yesterday, we are now in Latitude Longitude.

JULY.

15th. This morning (Thursday) at half past six (day break) we saw Van diemans land on our Starbord, it to us appeared like South America. We have experienced a very excellent passage since passing the Cape of Good Hope. The Emigrants took many fishes (Baracouts), we partook of some for dinner, very much like Mackerel in flavor but not so handsome being much longer and thinner. We entered Basses Straits this morning about 10 o'clock with a most beautiful breese.
16th. We are favored with one of the most beautiful days we have experienced since we left 'Bahia' being quite in a calm. The Jolly boat was lowered and some half dozen of the cabin passengers went and bathed in the Straits. Caught a few fishes today but not so many as yesterday, dined on fish today and a treat it was.
17th. The same beautiful weather still continues, quite calm.
18th. Sunday fine day.
20th. (Olivers) child was committed to the deep aged 6 years (Boy).
21st. Very stormy many ill.
22nd. Much as yesterday.
23rd. Fine day, wind forward.
28th. At day break (6 o'clock) we made Cape Egmont, in a few minutes afterwards we made Cape Farewell being in a complete calm when we entered Cook's Straits. Some of the Emigrants caught some Baracutas. A brese struck up in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, the wind was rather ahead which was rather desirable. Although we have the moon three days over the second quarter that we might enter Cloudy Bay at a seasonable time tomorrow. The coast of the Southern Island we had a perfect view of as we slowly passed it by, the snow appearing on the tops of the highest mountains which had a very beautiful appearance the sun having a similar effect on others which stood prominent would have made quite a panarama.
29th. As calm as a mill pond which enabled us to see the Southern Island at ease, could not see the other.
30th. Quite a calm last night, a light breese this morning which assisted us a little. All on board quite uneasy at the delay the Capn. also.
31st. This has been a very beautiful day, a very gentle breese took us into Cloudy Bay. We were some time getting into Port Underwood the wind being ahead. Capn. King prosceeded on shore to ascertain some particulars when he found a Whaling Station who informed him that the Plymouth Company had formed their Settlement at or near Mount Egmont "Taraniku", we then bout ship and directed our course to Port Nicholson (North Island), we made the Harbour about 4 o'clock.

AUGUST.

1st. Sunday morning when a complete calm ensued, two boats was lowered the Ship was towed some distance up the Harbour. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon we cast Anchor.
2nd. At 11 o'clock this morning we wheyed anchor and prosceeded up the Harbour, in consequence of the wind being a head one we did not get into the Bay till ½ past 6 this evening when we Anchored about 1 mile from the town of Wellington.
3rd. Wind South East and a very stormy night and all the day also.
4th. Nothing particular occurring.

5th. Went on shore at Wellington which presented a number of very humble huts. Suppose the town to reach from two to three miles in length, the Harbour and Bay is a most magnificent one which is the greatest recommendation to the town in the opinion of most I had conversation with is that it will never be any but a resort for shipping. To clear the land which is mountains would not pay for clearing altho the bush runs down close to the back of the town. Butter (fresh) 4/6 per lb, Salt do 1/6, Eggs 6d each, cheese 1/8 and 2/-, 2 lb loaf 8d, Bacon ½ Ham 1/6, Mut. 7d,11d and 9d, Pork 7d leg, Beer 9d.

6th. Nothing has taken place worth recording. Weather favorable.

8th. Died this morning ½ past two Mr Jones, this evening a child named Pierce also died, they were taken on shore at Wellington for interment.

9th. This morning the corps's were taken on shore and buried in the burial ground of the Church Estd. The weather very boisterous so much so that those who attended the solemnities did not return till next day.

13th. We left the Bay of Port Nicholson this afternoon ½ past two o'clock, in consequence of contrary wind we were obliged to run into Cloudy Bay where we proposed to cast Anchor for the night (Saturday), the captain proposed to proseeed to Port Hardy in Cook's Straits but for reasons above spoken of could not affect his purpose and was obliged to keep to sea all night doing nothing.

14th. This day fortnight we made this Bay (Cloudy) much about the time we did today, about 4 o'clock p.m. Wind contrary we kept tacking about in the Bay all night.

15th. Sunday. We are almost in a calm up to this hour 1 o'clock p.m. and still in Cloudy Bay, all on board very uneasy in consequence of being detained so long after havcing made our intended and anxiously awaited country. Saw three whaling boats towing apparently a large Whale to Port Underwood. A large whale has just made its appearance very near to these boats but being engaged with the former it passed up Cooks Straits diving and spouting the water to the great gratification of all present. Our Capn. endeavoured to enter Port Underwood but was prevented by the wind being contrary, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon we cast Anchor in Cloudy Bay.

16th. Our Capn. and boats crew went on shore at Port Underwood to ascertain if ballast could be obtained this morning, on their return the Anchor was wheyed and the ship got as far up the Port as she could, the wind being ahead North West very little progress was made which was very dishearting. We cast Anchor this aftn. 4 o'clock.

17th. Our ship was got under way at 6 o'clock this morning, the wind North West and after a great deal of patience for the Anchor was let down about noon as the tide was running out of the Port and the wind unfavorable we lay too till the flowing of the tide when we raised the Anchor and notwithstanding the wind being ahead we proseeeded to an inlet and cast Anchor within the length of our ship from the shore in 5 fathoms of water. Many fishes has been taken and very good they are indeed. We dined today on a very good little Cod of a pinky hue but very delicate. There has been taken Snappers, a species of Ling, and Salmon, all of which are of good flavour.

18th. This has been a very rainy day indeed. We raised the Anchor and got closer to land to enable the Ship to take in her ballast with more ease. This Port (Underwood) abounds with very fine inlets, the surrounding hills or Mountains have a very fine appearance being clothed with trees and brush wood from the summit to the waters edge. There are a great number of wild ducks, I saw two coveys which had the appearance of clouds. I saw today a few wood pigeons and very fine they are, almost as large as a fowl. Some Paraquits were brought on board. Strange to say the Pigeons no matter how many there may be the sportsman continues to fire away at them till he brings them all down as they are not in the least disconcerted, quite the reverse of those at home. The Ship is now quite in readiness to take in her ballast.

19th. Mrs N. self and John went on shore at this Inlet and spent a very pleasant day. We dined in the Bush, we gathered Parsley, Celery, and Letuce in a wild state, the former is as fine as I ever wish to see it or ever did in England. The cabbage and Brocololi I culled at the Mountain top. The Mountains have a very picturesque appearance, the foliage is very varigated and pleasing being intersperced with large trees. This day our people assisted in getting the ballast.

20th. This day I went in shore to get in ballast with many others, it was a very fine day.

21st. Nothing very particular has occurred this day.

22nd. Sunday. Mrs N. Self, Fanny, Susan, John and William went on shore, ascended the Mountain and dined, it being so beautifully fine we enjoyed it very much. A vast quantity of useless whale bone is laying on this Shore.

23rd. This has been a very fine day, seam calm and the Emigrants busily engaged in taking in ballast. A great number of Natives came on board today with various articles to sell, fish, vegetables, and oysters, the latter I purchased nearly one hundred for a few biscuits, they are quite equal to those known as "Natives" which are sold in London and much larger.

24th. Very fine day, assisted in getting balast. Many Natives came on board with Vegitables and sundry shell fish, bartered with them on reasonable terms.

25th. As fine a day as yesterday. Very busy on board preparing for our destination (Taranaki). The Long Bt. taken on board and put in its place. A very interesting scene took place this afternoon, a full sized whale appeared very near our ship. There happened to be on board the Capn. of a whaler and his crew, they were over the side of the Ship as quick as lightning in pursuit, the did not succeed in capturing as the Animal bent its course to the Ocean.

26th. This morning a very large whale was towed past our Ship by the two Whaling Boats belonging to a Brig laying in the opposite Bay. Weather very fine and all well on board, two sailors left our Ship named Frasier and Baker. All very uneasy by being so long here. There has been a great quantity of fish taken today of various kinds, partook of an excellent repast on Birds shot in the woods surrounding this Bay (Ocean), great many kinds. At ½ past 10 o'clock tonight the Anchor was wheyed the wind being favourable to prosceed to Taranaki.

27th. Our ship has prosceeded very slowly through the night and her course did not mend till about noon when we had a very fine breese which took us up to the sisters (two Rocks a considerable distance from the land very much resembling each other) N.W. of the Wellington head.

28th. The wind has been contrary, so much so that our progress has been less than ever we had it, every thing appears to be going wrong.

29th. Sunday. Last night has been a very boisterous one, it blew a gale till about 8 o'clock this morning , wind blowing from the N.W. quite the reverce of what we sould wish, in consequence of which we have been obliged to put to sea for safety. Orders have been given to stop 1 Quart of water from each Adult.

30th. The wind was tolerably favorable last night for a few hours but since that time it has been as contrary as it can well be, so much so that the Capn. has made up his mind to put back to Port Underwood, but drop'd Anchor in Cloudy Bay at 9 o'clock in the evening.

31st. The Capn. and crew went to Ocean Bay for water, they returned about 4 o'clock this afternoon when a fair wind sprang up, orders were given to be under whey, all was activity and every heart was glad but a sad catastrophy befell us on raising the Larbord Anchor, through some neglect or misfortune, it slipped or the chain stop was not properly secured, the Anchor dropped with tremendous velocity the ship not more than 1 Mile from the shore and the wind blowing a gale from the S.E. Every thing wore the appearance of inevitable destruction, nothing could save us. The Starboard Anchor was let go which was of the greatest service the other having draged. About 7 o'clock the wind subsided for which all on board were thankful to Providence and the night was tranquil.

The blame rested with the second Mate (Murry) who was instantly discharged.

SEPTEMBER.

1st. This morning at ½ past 3 o'clock the Anchors were wheyed but the wind has dwindled into a calm. At 10 o'clock p.m. we had a fair wind South which has up to 12 o'clock continued in our favour. At ten o'clock Mrs Johnston was delivered of a Son.

2nd. The wind is still in our favour going at the rate of 8 miles in the hour. The lofty Mount Egmont has just made its appearance in bold relief, 10 o'clock a.m. every body busy preparing for landing and in good spirits.

3rd. In a calm and could make no progress, laying under Mount Egmont almost the whole of the day.

4th. Today our ship made a very fine approach to the land and the Anchor was cast for the purpose of landing, unfortunately the wind blew a stiff breese soon afterwards which prevented our much to be desired object from being attained, and to sea we were obliged to put once more which put us in bad spirits. We had made every preparation for landing.

5th. Sunday. This morning at 9 o'clock we left the ship and landed on the beach at Taranaki at 2 p.m. Altho' it was a very fine day it took us five hours having some surf to contend with. The distance from the Ship was 12 miles, our boat ran in right up the beach which caused us to land in a most comfortable manner. The kindness with which the Natives received desires to be recorded, all had smiling faces and outstretched arms which made a strong impression on all our feelings. Too much cannot be said of those who has presceeded us, one and all received us with the best feeling possible.

17th. This night at ½ past 10 o'clock the shock of an Earthquake was very generally felt here (New Plymo) Some of the people were very much frightened.

OCTOBER.

3rd. Arrived from England the "Regina Schooner".

17th. (Sunday) Left the "Amelia Thompson" Barque this afternoon 5 o'clock.

NOVEMBER.

5th. The Regina was driven on shore and became a complete Wreck.

8th. Arrived the "Oriental" Ship and anchored at 9 o'clock a.m. (on Sunday) landed Emigrants.

15th. Left N.P. the above ship this morning (Sunday) scarsily escaping being blown on shore. Sent two letters one to Wm. Roe and Mrs Roe dated 14th Inst. Recd a letter from Wm. Roe dated 12th June by the "Oriental".

30th. Captain Lairdet received an injury this morning by the explosion of a cannon belonging to the late Schooner "Regina", obviously injuring his eyes.

DECEMBER.

6th. Tuesday ½ past 4 a.m. an Earthquake was felt, not so generally known as the last.

13th. This morning sworn in as Constable in presence of Cap. King, Mr Cook, Mr W. Halse, Mr Cutfield, Magistrates. Chief Constable and Gaoler.

25th. Saturday Christmas Day.

27th. This morning at 8 o'clock the much talked of tribe of Wykata passed through N.P.on their way to Mataroa. They halted at the Missionary Station having been met by that Person, they then and there prepared themselves by taking off their blankets and placing them round their waists which left their persons quite naked together with their tatood faces and beautiful black curly hair, added to their copper colored countenances, gave them what they

fall very little short of I am informed, complete savages. The whole of the Men were armed wither with firelock double barrale guns, or tommakaws, the guns were in an excellent state of preservation, some had percussion locks. The tomahawks were in the hands of the Chief's which answers the purpose of a staff, they are a small axe and are bright and clean, the handle from four to five feet long. After witness the ceremony of preparations I proseeded to the place of reception when a Messenger was dispatched as is the custom by the receiving party with a Spear. The Wykatos had made a move, the Messenger ran towards them, when about forty yards from their front darted the spear which is the signel for them to advance which they did at a tremendous pace. When they came within twenty yards of the Mataroa Natives and the Europeans the whole of them halted which for the time, this approach really had a teriffic appearance. The whole of them then crouched in a sitting posture, after a few minutes one of the Chiefs gave the word, all of them rose on their feet and went thro' their War Dance and their War Whoop. Their discordant voices and their distorted features was enough to unnerve the stout hearted altho they visited us as they call it " the Ring a Ring" (shake hands). The speeches then commenced which lasted two hours then came Ki Ki time (Dinner). A very bountiful supply was prepared for them which consisted of Rice Potatoes, fish and Peas, also a Pig which was roasted whole in the Native manner. At two o'clock the Ring a Ring took place. All the Wykatos stood in a line and the whole of our natives. After the Chief had saluted they followed his example by shaking hands and pressing noses, the former was done by all, the latter but by few. I had not the least desire for the latter altho some of my country men availed themselves.

28th. This morning the War Dance was repeated in front of Brown and Douglas's Store house, many was gratifyed. They are on their way home.

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JANUARY.

8th. I sent a letter to my Bro. at Adelade.

21st. A meeting of Land Owners took place at the Methodist Chapel for the purpose of removing the town of New Plymouth to some place where an Arbour can be procured. It proved a failure.

31st. Monday, Had I Shaws in custody for entry Philp's house - the examination lasted two days - Remanded till the Sessions.

FEBRUARY.

22nd. Arrived the "Timandra" Ship from Plymouth with Emigrants, landed the passengers on the 23rd Thursday.

28th. Sent a box to England containing letters bearing this date to Mr Wm. Roe, also some Relics of the New Zealanders.

MARCH.

3rd. Captain Lairdet left this morning 9 o'clock in the Brigg "Caroline" for Sidney on his way to England (Thursday).

11th. The Ship "Tirmanda" left this place (New Plymo.) at 7 o'clock a.m. (Saturday).

20th. The Barque "Brougham" having on board Col. Wakefield and Mr Murphy (Magistrate) arrived and landed about 5 o'clock p.m. (Sunday).

24th. The Barque "Brougham" left this afternoon about 2 o'clock having on board Col. Wakefield and Mr Murphy.

27th. This is Easter Sunday. Very early this morning we were visited by a very boisterous wind from the South East which did not subside till 5 o'clock. The Settlers had not felt the like before. Our tent was nearly blown away.

MAY.

4th. Cap. King arrived here this morning in the Barque "Jubiter" with a cargo of Sundries and a great many Cattle from Sidney.
10th. Captain Lairdet's Successor arrived here in the "Brougham" Barque (Mr Wicksteed).
11th. "Jubiter" left here this afternoon.
12th. Capn. Henry King examined before a Bench of Magistrates for selling spirits without a Licence.
19th. The "Brougham" left here this afternoon.
21st. The "Victoria" Brig arrived here. She is in the Government service.
22nd. The Brig "Victoria" left here.
26th. Steward married (Black). Appointed Chief Constable.

JUNE.

5th. 7th. Mr Chas Brown, Senior died at his Wharry on the banks of the Enui River and buried at the foot of Marsland hill.
14th. Saml. Oliver sworn as Constable.

JULY.

7th. John Shepheard's Wharry was blown up having very incautiously exposed 10 pounds of gun powder.
8th. Mr Barratt hoisted his signal mast on the hill at Maturoa.

AUGUST.

7th. The first Whale taken this day (Sunday) at Maturoa.
8th. Mr St. George married at the Moari Chapel Maturoa.
17th. At 8 o'clock this evening Mrs N. safely delivered of a son named Henry (Wednesday).
27th. We had 4 Schooners here at one time Viz "Nymph". "Perseverance", "Ocean", "Eliza".

SEPTEMBER.

28th. The anniversary of the "Amelia Thompson" arriving at New Plymt. was celebrated this day (Wednesday) by Rifle Shooting, Pig racing, greasy pole climing, wrestling etc. In the evening a Ball.
29th. This day we had Boat racing with other entertainments.

OCTOBER.

27th. Went by Captain King's request with Mr Octs. Carrington to the Enui to have a native reserve pointed out. No. 1291A in Baring Terrace.
28th. Arrived at New Plymouth the Lord Bishop of New Zealand (Friday).
30th. Sunday. His Lordship performed divine service four times, at 11 o'clock a.m. in English, at 2 in Moury to the Natives, at 3 to the English, at 5 to the Natives in their own Language. His Lordship Babtized our Infant son in the afternoon (with two others), his name Henry.

NOVEMBER.

1st. His Lordship was presented with an address, it was received by him with proper feeling and an admirable answer given. At 6 o'clock p.m. he embarked for Auckland in the Government Brig "Victoria".
19th. Saturday. Arrived the Barque "Blenheim" this afternoon having on board Emigrants. Capn. Gray.
20th. Some of the Emigrants landed this morning, the Blenheim brought the Mail, received a letter from my Bro. William at Adelaid.
22nd. Received a letter from Mr Wm. Roe, Mrs Elston and Mrs Roe bearing date 24th June.

27th. Went on board the "Blenheim" and took charge of three of the crew named Simpson (the ships Carpenter), Knapton and Lowry and locked them up.

DECEMBER.

1st. This night at ½ past 12 o'clock repaired to Maturoa and took two of the hands belonging to the "Blenheim" having left the ship in the Long Boat. Conveyed them in custody to the "Calodonian Tavern" where they were guarded till morning, one Man and an apprentice. They were examined by Capn. King P.M. and ordered to be taken on board the Ship which I did and remained on board until the ship set sail for Sidney.

26th. Thos. B. Pilcher set fire to his Wharry and was committed.

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JANUARY.

2nd. Went to the Waitara with a party (Tuesday).

20th. Arrived the "Essex" Barque from England with 110 Emigrants. Capn. Oakley.

25th. The "Essex" left this evening, she parted with her cable in a comparative calm.

FEBRUARY.

23rd. Went to the Mongrik to settle a disturbance between Wills and a Native chief "Ecupa".

25th. Saturday. Arrived the Brigg "Victoria" having on board his Excellency the acting Govorner Lieu. Shortland and suit from Nelson. His Excellency did not come on shore.

27th. Became a member of the benefit Society held at Mr Dolby's Caledonian Tavern.

MARCH.

4th. A Phenomian appeared in the heavens S.S.W. supposed to be a comet. It appeared about 7o'clock in the evening. Sent a letter to Mr Dennins dated 28th February per "Govornor Hobson".

22nd. Colonel Wakefield came here over land accompanyed by Mr Moulsworth from Wellington.

23rd. Mr Wm. Halse examined before the Magistrates for enticing away the Wife of a Native.

25th. Arrived the "Victoria" Brigg having on board the Chief Justice (Mr Martin). She sailed this afternoon taking Col. Wakefield and Mr Moulsworthin her for Port Nicholson by way of Nelson. Pilcher sent to Port Nicholson for trial in accompany with Mr Smart, Mr Duncan, Mrs Lye, Mrs Loverage, and Louisa Inch, a child, who was accompanyed by her Mother.

29th. Capn. King and family slept at his new house "Brooklands".

APRIL.

1st. Lethbridge discharged from Police.

8th. The Wycato tribe visited this settlement (Saturday). Mr George opened this house corner of Devon Street and Brougham Street.

JUNE.

21st. Mr Douglass opened his house corner of Devon Street and Currie Street (Commercial Tavern).

24th. Saturday. The Waiwakio Bridge broke down this afternoon between the hours of 4 & 5 o'clock by a herd of cattle passing over. One passed over on the other side (East) safely, the others were precipitated into the River. The Bridge is a complete wreck the whole of the North side being at the bottom of the River, the other remaining suspended.

25th. Sunday. The company's men have been busily engaged in clearing the flooring of the Bridge to allow the stream to pass more freely in case of rain.

JULY.

8th. The shock of an Earthquake was felt at 4 o'clock p.m., the people were very much alarmed. Went into the new house in Queen Street. (Saturday).
11th. Two hundred and seventeen Special Constables sworn in, the Wycatos being about to come here in a hostile manner.
13th. Thirty six Special Constables sworn in.

AUGUST.

13th. Sent a letter to Mr Roe this date, Mrs Elston favoured by Mr F. Carrington, Surveyor General.
27th. Mr Fredrick Carrington returned to England. He took his departure from here in the "Deborah" of London and was saluted by three guns from the Pah (Sunday).
29th. Received a letter from Mr Roe dated 20th January, also 8 Newspapers "Sunday times". The Brig "Victoria" arrived here and left the same day.

SEPTEMBER.

5th. Anniversary of the arrival of the "Amelia Thompson" at N.P.
4th. Saml. Oliver accompanyed Cap. Macdonough Police Magistrate to Wanganui.
25th. Saml. Oliver returned from Wanganui.

OCTOBER.

5th. Recd. two Newspapers Sunday times dated London May 7th and 14th, 1843.
10th. Tuesday. Received a letter from Samuel dated London March 19th. Also a Newspaper "Weekly Dispatch" same date and Six Ditto "Sunday Times" from Mr W. Roe per "William Stobile" from Nelson. Thomas Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail, returned on Monday 16th.
21st. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with the Mail, returned on Sunday 29th.
22nd. Abolition of Customs duties on goods.
28th. Arrived the William Stovile. Mr Groube married to his servant Sarah Good. Miss Humphry declining after a voyage from England in the above named Ship for that purpose. The populace were very indignant and expressed themselves in the evening in a very vociferous manner.

NOVEMBER.

2nd. Thomas Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail, he returned on Thursday the 9th inst.
16th. Saml. Oliver sent to with the Mail to Wymati, he returned on Wednesday 22nd.
20th. A great fire in the Bush which raged two days and nights.
25th. The Lord Bishop of New Zealand arrived here (Saturday).
26th. The Bishop performed divine service twice in English, three times in Moari.
27th. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail, returned on Saturday December 2nd.

DECEMBER.

3rd. Arrived the Rev. Wm. Bolland in the "Victoria", he did duty this morning, the Bishop preached the sermon, in the afternoon Mr Bolland preached.
4th. The Bishop left this afternoon in the Victoria Brigg.
9th. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with the Mail, returned on Thursday 14th.

12th. The Post Office this day was taken possession of by Mr James Webster the Sub Collector of customs.
23rd. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail (Saturday), returned on (Thursday) 28. Mr Midland did the duty. Arrived the Barque "Himalaya" from Plymouth direct, adding to our number 117 Emigrants. Capitain Hew. Burn.

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JANUARY.

3rd. The "Himalaya" left this morning for Nelson. She lowered her flag in disrespect to the Resident Agent Mr Wicksteed. Recd. 4 Newspapers (Sunday times) from Mr Wm. Roe.
8th. A meeting of the Labourers took place on the Bridge near Mr Dorset's store when a noisey harangue inside, relative to Mr Taylor of Wellington had brought a quantity of flour there being none here, he requiring 4£ per 200 cwt. or 35£ per ton being considered very extravigant.
9th. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with the Mail, returned on Saturday 13th.
11th. The "Carbon" Schooner beached herself, discharged her cargo, and went off again admirably - this is not the first.
12th. A Meeting took place at the Commercial Inn kept by Mr Douglass which was most respectably attended, Mr Flight in the chair, to memoralise the Governor to render this Settlement protection from the Natives who have been and still continue to annoy the Settlers at the Oye, the property of Mr Cooke. The meeting decided that Mr Cooke and Mr Thatcher should proceed to Auckland which they did at day break the following morning in the Schooner "Carbon".
14th. Sunday. Received 4 Newspapers from Mr Wm. Roe.
23rd. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail, returned on Sunday 28th.

FEBRUARY.

9th. Thos. Heale sent to Petre with the Mail, returned on Wednesday 14th. Planted a Cocoa Nut in the garden, Susan has cause to remember the circumstance.
10th. Received three newspapers "Sunday Times" from Mr William Roe.
11th. Sent a letter to my Bro. William at Adelaide this date.
23rd. Thos. Heale sent to Petre with the Mail. Returned on Wednesday 28th.
24th. Recd. 5 Newspapers from Mr W. Roe (S. times).

MARCH.

4th. Mr Code undertook to walk from the Devon Hotel to the Waitara and return in three hours and half, he did it in twenty minutes less than the time. Mr Creed, the Methodist Missionary left Taranaki in the Brigantine "Deborah"
5th. Mr Watt became the proprietor of the Devon Hotel.
9th. Saml. Oliver sent to Petre with the Mail, returned on Thursday 14th.
10th. Wellington Carrington's Banns were published in the Church this day (Sunday), in a Raupo house near the Huatoki River, East side.
19th. Arrived the Barque "Theresa" having on Board passengers for this place (New Plymouth). Capn. Bacon. Received a letter from Mr William Roe, from Mrs Elston, and W.R. June, also 4 N.Papers (S.T.)
23rd. The "Theresa" in great danger of being blown on shore, the wind blowing hard from the N.W. She sustained no injury. Thomas Heale sent to Petre with the Mail, he returned on Thursday 28th. Recd. 8 N.papers.
25th. Wellington Carrington was married to a Native woman.
28th. Arrived the Government Brig. She left next day.
29th. The "Theresa" left here for Nelson.

APRIL.

5th. Sent a letter bearing this date to Mrs Elson (G. Friday).
8th. Saml. Oliver sent to Petre with the Mail, he returned on the 13th Saturday.
15th. Amputation of a Moari's leg performed by Mr Evans, present Mr St. George, Mr Lowe and myself (Right leg).
22nd. Thos. Heale sent to Petre with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 27th.
26th. Mr E. Brown and family, Mr Hall and family and many others, left here for Sidney in the "Star of China" 16 in number. Sent Letters to Agnes and Mrs Elston.

MAY.

13th. Sent Saml. Oliver to Petre with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 18th.
27th. Arrived the Ship "Bella Marina" 560 tons Capn. Thomas Asbridge. 3 passengers left Plymo. for this place on the 10th February. Heale sent to Petre with Mail, returned on Saturday 1st June.
28th. "Bella Marina" left here for Wellington having had a very fine time while here. Recd. a letter from Mr Denning.
29th. Wednesday. Arrived over land Mr Commissioner Spain and Col. Wakefield, Mr Clarke, Native Protector, Mr Yates, Secretary, Mr Forsithe, Interpreter (5 in number).
30th. Sent. Sam. Oliver to Petre with the Mail, he returned on Friday 14th June.

JUNE.

1st. Mr Commissioner Spain opened his court, present Col. Wakefield, Cap. Davey, Mr Wicksteed, Mr Clarke, Mr Yates, Mr Forsythe, for the purpose of investigating the Native Land claims. The principal evidence in favour of the N.Z.C. R. Barratt (Saturday).
3rd. Examining the Moaries.
4th. Do Do Do There were present 250 Adults and about 50 children the first day of the native population. Not many Europeans perhaps 100.
5th & 6th. Examining Moaries.
8th. Mr Commissioner Spain gave his decision that the Land from the Sugar Loaf Islands were fairly purchased by the New Zealand Company as far as Taniwa which gave great dissatisfaction to the Natives, 60,000 acres.
10th. Thomas Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail, returned on Saturday 15th. Sowed wheat in section.
15th. Arrested Mr T.B. Hine. Recd. 6 N.Papers S.T.
21st. Sowed wheat in the garden.
22nd. Mr Commissioner Spain and Col. Wakefield embarked forWellington in the "Victoria" which arrived here this morning. Received a parcel forwarded per "William Stovile" from our friends in England.
24th. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with the Mail, he returned on Saturday 29th.
27th. A Public meeting took place at the Devon Hotel to take into consideration the Settlers of the Mon who have been very much annoyed by the Maories. When a Memorial was forwarded to the Governor, Cap. Fitzroy.
30th. Thos. Heale sent to Kawiha with a dispatch to the Governor. (Sunday) 14 Returned.

JULY.

3rd. Mr Barratt captured a Whale (a Cow).
7th. Sent a letter to Mr W. Roe this date.
8th. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with Mail, returned on 13th.
12th. Mr John Douglass and Miss Sarah Shaw married at the Methodist Chapel, Courtney Street.
22nd. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with Mail. Returned on 27th Saturday.
23rd. Mr Barratt captured a Whale, a small one (Bull).

24th. The "Urgent" cattle ship left here for Nelson. Mr Barrett captured a Cow Whale. I went to view it and while standing on the Beach a Maori threw a Harpoon at a Shark which was feeding on the Whale, and drew it on the Beach. The Shark I should suppose would weigh 150 lb.

28th. A verry strong South East wind which blew down several of the Wharries (Sunday).

29th. The wind continued through the day. The "Marina" Schooner came in in distress having had her Captain washed overboard and drowned. The Schooner was piloted here by Mr Varnom. The unfortunate affair took place . . . . .

31st. The Lord Bishop of N.Z. arrived here in 7 days from Auckland over land.

AUGUST.

2nd. Friday. H.M.S. of War "Hazard" appeard in the offing at an early hour and came to the Anchorage at 12 o'clock a.m. His Excellency the Governor Capn. Robt. Fitzroy landed on the beach at half past one o'clock. He then met the settlers at the Devon Hotel who were very much displeased with him by not meeting their wishes.

3rd. Today the Governor called the Moaries together on the top of the Pah. There were a great number present of both Races. Present, the Governor, Capn. King R.N. Police Magistrate, the Lord Bishop of N.Z., Rev. Mr Whitely, Rev. Mr Bolland Church Minister, Revd. Mr Turton, Wesleyan Missionary etc. etc.

4th. (Sunday). The Governor attended divine service this morning at the Church. The Bishop preached the Sermon to a very numerous congregation.

5th. His Excellency left here this day at one o'clock, he received a deputation of the Land owners at the Devon Hotel who were much better satisifed than on Friday. Seventeen guns were fired from the Pah. N.B. The Bishop left also. Mr Barrett captured a Whale (cow). The weather has been very fine since the first Inst. Mr Standish appointed Clerk to the Magistrates and officiated at the Police Office accordingly.

8th. A great many Miners appeared for a passage to Auckland in the "Victoria".

12th. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday the 17th.

20th. Thos. Heale and Saml. Oliver sent to Whonatoho to fix a chain across that River, but returned the same day in consequence of the Rain.

26th. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Monday September 3rd.

28th. The "Urgent" returned here from Nelson bringing the information to this Settlement (N. Plymouth) that the New Zealand Company could no longer carry on their present mode of management in these Islands.

29th. The Barque "Raymond" arrived here. She is reported to be in a state of insubordination from the Chief Mate to the Cabin Boy (from England). Capn. McKey. Recd. a Letter from Mr W. Roe and 3 N.Papers S. Times. The "Raymond" left N. Plymouth for Wellington.

31st. The "Urgent" left here for Sidney. Mr Watt's house was broken into and a man named Ovingdon committed for trial for the offence. The N.Z.C. discharged all their Men, O. Carrington, Surveyor, Rogan Surveyor, Watson, Beach Master etc.

SEPTEMBER.

5th. Anniversary of the "Amelia Thompson" landing her Emigrants. Weather very fine. Mr Barrett killed a Whale.

6th. Barrett towed in a Calf Whale being killed yesterday.

9th. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned 14th Saturday. The Settlement is in a very unsettled state, many persons are about leaving for Auckland. Recd. 9 N.Papers.

21st. Thos. Heale sent to Wanganui to endeavour to bring back the Prisoner who has escaped from the Lock up named George Ovingdon.

He escaped last night (Saturday). Returned on Thursday October 3rd.

23rd. Saml. Oliver sent to Wymati with the Mail, he returned the same day bringing Ovingdon with him. W. Edgscomb assisted him in bringing the prisoner from Mungareku.

24th. John Johnston appointed Constable in the place of Saml. Oliver who is this day discharged. Johnston sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned October 1st Monday.

29th. Recd. of Capn. King short of salary 1.10.0.

OCTOBER.

1st. John Johnston sworn in as Constable.

14th. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 19th.

28th. John Johnston sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday November 2nd. Free trade in New Zealand took place on the first Inst. being carried unanimously by the Governor and Council at Auckland.

NOVEMBER.

8th. Arrived H.M. Ship "Hazerd" having on board his Excellency the Governor Capn. Fitzroy who landed on the beach at 3 o'clock p.m. Friday.

11th. Forty Labourers were set to work for the Government each to receive 10s for 5 days work. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 16th. H. Wells left here today.

17th. His Excellency the Governor attended divine service this day (Sunday) at the Church on the Pah.

18th. Richard Langman appointed Constable and sworn in accordingly.

24th. The Governor attended divine service this morning at the Church.

25th. His Excellency the Governor embarkes on board her Majesties Ship "Hazard" for Auckland this afternoon. Jn. Johnston sent to Wymati with Mail. Return on Saturday 29th. I conveyed on board H.M. Ship "Hazard" Thos. Noland, John Clarance, George Ovingdon and Edward Hicks alias Wilson. These men committed a robbery in the dwelling house of Mr Gledhill, store keeper, near the Henui on the evening of the twentieth.

27th. The Moaries received payment for a Block of Land, that on which New Plymouth is situate about three thousand seven hundred acres. I witnessed the following articles being delivered to them. 40 Red Blankets, 80 white Do., 40 Prints, 36 Shirts, 400 yds of Calico, 20 Frocks, 11 Cloth caps, 300 lb. Soap, 9 Double Barralld Guns, 250 lb Tobacco, 54 lb Gun Powder, 4 Jackets, 12 Roundabouts, 6 Boxes Percussion caps, 5 WomensGarments, 6 common Garments, 1 Linnen Do., 6 Shalls, 3 Waistcoats, 3 Rugs, 3 Pr. trousers, 60 Iron Pots, 12 Calves and 50£ Sterling. When the calves were given to them they, the Moaries, were very anxious to lay hold of them which they did by their tails which caused a good deal of fun. Some got in the River but held fast their Cow as they called them, others scampered up and down the beach. The day passed off very quiet, it was expected otherwise.

DECEMBER.

9th. Ricd. Langman sent to Wymati accompanied by James Dust with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 14th.

12th. (Thursday). A very strong S.E. wind which lasted till Saturday morning, (three days).

19th. His Honor Judge Martin (Chief Justice) arrived here over land from Auckland.

20th. Mr Justice Chapman arrived here from Kawiha.

22nd. Sunday. The Judges attended divine service this morning at the Church on the Pah.

23rd. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 28th.

24th. This evening the Church Singers amused the Settlers by singing several very pretty Airs and Anthems.

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JANUARY.

1st. Her Majesties Brig "Victoria" arrived here for the purpose of taking some Miners to Auckland. Brig "Hind" from Sidney to England, oil and wool.
2nd. The "Victoria" received on board 57 persons including 30 children. Mr F. Thatcher, Architect and Mr Symonds a Magistrate.
6th. Sloop "Fennetta from Kawiha with Pigs for Wellington.
7th. Schooner "Lady of the Lake" from Kawhi with Pigs for Nelson.
14th. Tuesday. John Johnson sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on 19th. Sunday. A Comet is now making its appearance S.W.
26th. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday February 1st.

FEBRUARY.

1st. Cutter "Paul Jones" brought a cargo of Lime stone from Massacre Bay for new Church and Jail.
2nd. Sunday. Cutter "Finnetta" arrived from Port Nicholson with a general cargo.
3rd. She came on shore in Speculator Bay this morning the wind blowing strong from the with loss of her
10th. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday the 15th.
11th. The "Caledonia" from Nelson. She arrived at Wellington on the 13th of last month from England bringing about three tuns of goods for the settlers here. She is 300 tuns.
12th. The "Caledonia" left this morning about 7 o'clock. Capn. R.I. Case.
14th. "Lady of the Lake" from Kawiha with Pigs. Schooner.
15th. "Paul Jones" Cutter from Massacre Bay with lime stone. Saturday. Left the "Lady of the Lake" for Nelson. Mr Lewthwait left in her.
18th. Arrived the Government Brig "Victoria" from Wellington.
19th. Myself, Mr Rd. Brown and Mr Gledhill went to Auckland in the case of the Queen v Nolan, Hicks and Clarance. The prisoners were tried on the first day of March (Saturday) and found guilty and sentenced to be transported for ten years each. We were taken to Auckland in the "Victoria" Brig.
22nd. Saturday. The above named arrived in Auckland Harbour and anchored at four o'clock p.m. being three days on the passage.
24th. Jn. Johnston sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on the 29th (six days) (Saturday).

MARCH.

10th. Richd. Langman sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on the 15th. Six days (Saturday).
11th. An affray took place at Russel (Bay of Islands) in which the New Zealanders were successful and are in possession of the town. Seven sailors, two Marines and four Soldiers of the 95th Regt. were killed.
24th. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned 29th. Saturday. Six days.
25th. Visited Wellington, think it very much improved but we had very bad weather while there. We left Auckland on Good Friday 21st Inst.
31st. Arrived home at Taranaki from Auckland in the "Victoria" 11 days on our passage.

APRIL.

9th. Duties Reestablished.

10th. A meeting of the Inhabitants took place on the Pah this morning to consider the most proper measure to protect the Settlers from the hostilities of the Moaries. A Memorial was forwarded to the Governor numerously signed. The "Paul Jones" Cutter received on board this afternoon for the City of Adelaid, Yems, James Shaw and wife, Douglas and wife, Sanders and Son, I. Hans and wife, W. George and M. Coules, Shell and wife.

14th. John Johnston sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 19th (6 days).

28th. Richard Langman sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday May 3rd. (6 days).

MAY.

5th. A meeting of the settlers took place at the Devon Hotel to take into consideration the Governors speech in council relative to this Settlement, New Plymouth, that "Troops could not be kept , that Taranaki was inaccessible by Land and by sea". A very long discussion took place and some strong expressions were indulged in, such as the Governor is in an unsound state of mind and had been confined in a Lunatick Asylum asserted by Mr I.G. Cooke.

12th. Sent a letter to William Roe Junr. and two Auckland N.P. Thos. Heale sent to Wymati with the Mail. Returned on Saturday 17th. 6 days.

18th. Sunday, the Church at the 'Enui' was opened for divine service in the afternoon by the Revd. Wm. Bolland, Minister of New Plymouth.

19th. John Johnson sent to Wymati with the Mail, which is to be discontinued. Returned on Saturday 24th. Six days.

25th. Six tons of Flour exported from this Settlement (N. Plymouth), being the first of the kind. Mr Jno. Varnham the purchaser taken to Wellington in the Schooner "Carbon".

JUNE.

11th. A Whale was killed by the Whalers at Moturoa.

12th. Richd. Langman, Constable, discharged this day in consequence of Mail being stopped.

25th. Four small Vessels at one time "Carbon" "Lady of the Lake", "Richmond" and "Sarah Ann". Two of the number came on shore and discharged their cargo, the weather being very fine, the wind at S.E. (Thursday).

28th. Thos. Heale reprimanded for not doing his duty.

30th. Monday. Mr Watt of the Devon Hotel and Mr George of the Seven Stars renewed their Licenses to keep their houses open till 10 o'clock instead of 12 as has been the case.

JULY.

14th. Monday. Attended a Post Mortem examination of the Body of Mrs Wood, wife of Mr Henry Wood watch and clock maker, who resides on a section near Mr Standish.

18th. A Whale was killed by Mr Rd. Brown's party being his first season at Taranaki. Mr Barret's crew killing the calf. By mutual consent the Animals were divided between them.

28th. A very strong wind from the South West, also a great deal of Rain.

29th. The weather continues much the same as yesterday.

30th. The wind and weather as stated above.

AUGUST.

1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Every thing is cheerless and uncomfortable in consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather.

20th. Mr Richard Brown's party took a Whale.

23rd. Received two letters from England, one from Mrs Milston dated 2nd Mar. the other from Mrs A.R.

29th. Mr Bolland left this morning for Auckland, the Revd. Mr Cotton fillies his place during his absence.

SEPTEMBER.

13th. A shock of an Earthquake was generally felt in this Settlement about 9 o'clock p.m. (Saturday).

17th. The Agricultural and Commercial Society dined at the Seven Stars Inn, N.P. kept by Mr George. Forty eight persons partook of an excellent dinner. Mr Josias Flight in the chair, Mr John Hursthouse Vice P., Cap. Fitzroy Governor of New Zealand was not toasted.

21st. Mrs Newlands school given up in consequence of ill health.

22nd. A Meeting of the inhabitants of N.P. took place at the Devon Hotel for the purpose of signing what was termed a Monster Petition for the "Recall of the Governor (Cap. Fitzroy) and redress of grievances". It having been very numerously signed by the Settlers of Wellington and Nelson.

OCTOBER.

1st. Mr Bolland, Minister of Taranaki returned from Auckland having been there to take Priest's Orders.

13th. The Government Brig "Victoria" arrived here from Wellington and Nelson.

18th. Saturday. The "Victoria" left here for Auckland. She lossed the hook of one Anchor, and completely lossed another. Captain Richards met with an accident having been thrown from a Horse. Received per "Victoria" for the use of the Settlement 100 Muskets and Bayonets, 50 Boarding Pikes, 2000 Rounds of Ball cartrage, 200 flints.

NOVEMBER.

10th. The "Victoria" arrived here bringing with her the Bishop, Mr Lawry, the Wesleyan Principal Minister Mr Wright (Mrs Bolland's Brother), Wm. King and Jno. Wicksteed. The Brig is direct from Auckland. Monday.

11th. The above Brig left here this afternoon for Nelson and Wellington taking the Bishop and Mr Lawry. Mr Henry Rowe and Wife left New Plymouth for England.

18th. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Captain George Grey arrived in the . . . from Adelaid South Australia, and assumed the Administration of the Government in New Zealand.

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JANUARY.

11th. Monday. Constable Thos. Heale sent with Government Despatches to Auckland but returned in three days, the Natives preventing him from proseeding on his Journey. He was accompanyed by Mr F.Thatcher (Architect).

15th. A Public meeting of the Settlers took place at the Seven Stars this evening to consider the propriety of errecting a set of Flour Mills to be called the "Union Mills". A resolution was carried in the Affermatave and a Committee appointed. Thursday.

19th. Monday. Constable Thos. Heale, Mr Thatcher, Mr McLean again attempted the Auckland Journey taking Government Despatches. Sent a letter to Mrs Roe.

21st. The Committee met this evening and sicsussed the business relative to the Corn Mill when it appeared the sum of 515£ would be required to carry the Building into effect.

FEBRUARY.

12th. The Barque "Slanes Castle" passed this Settlement this evening on her way to Wellington having on board 200 Soldiers of the 96 Regiment and Col. Hulm. The Barque was boarded by Mr Webster, Harbour Master. The Governor, Captain Gray is also gone in the "Castor"" Man of War, the War Steamer "Driven" and others accompany

him. It is supposed the Govr. is about to put the Europeans in possession of the Hutt.

16th. Monday. Received a Small Box from Mrs Elston who resides at No. 21 Grove Street, Camden Town, London, containing presents for the children per "Mary Catherine" from England to Nelson. We also received newspapers (S. Times) for the months of June, July and August from Mr Roe.

January 11th. The troops were successful in taking the Pah of the Rebels Heke and Kawiti who gave themselves up to Governor Gray who shook hands with them and set them at Liberty. The troops had many difficulties to contend with in consequence of the Bush etc. The name of the is Ruapekapeka. The Pah was taken and completely destroyed on Sunday January 11th.

17th. Thos Heale constable, returned from Auckland, he was absent 30 days.

MARCH.

25th. Josiah Hoskin succeeded Mr I.N. Watt by taking the License of the Devon Hotel, the License was transferred accordingly. The weather has been very fine through the whole of the Month.

APRIL.

2nd. A very great deal of Rain fell which continued all Night (Thursday)

10th. Good Friday, a very dull day and a very wet night.

12th. Sunday (Easter). The Rain fell very heavily accompanied by thunder and particularly vivid lightening. The Governor has been expected here for a Month past from Wellington. All persons in New Plymouth very much disappointed in consequence.

17th. The Principals of the Roof of New Plymouth Church were placed on the walls.

26th. Received a letter from Mrs Elston and 1 Newspaper from Mr Roe per "Carbon" (Sunday).

27th. Government Brig "Victoria" arrived here from Wellington bringing Specie to pay the Police 500£. Mr Symonds private secretary to the Governor arrived here in her.

28th. The Government Brig left here this day for Wanganui for the purpose of awarding the Natives for their land.

JUNE.

11th. Sent a letter to Mrs Elston, Mrs Roe the older, also a Letter to the former from Fanny.

18th. Establishment of a Police force at N.P. to be regularly trained and drilled - under the Superintendance of Mr McClean (late Protector of the Aborigines). The names of the Men are:- Henry Halse Sergeant, Harcourt Auberry, Campbell, Francis Nairn, Langman, Edwin St. George, Gray, Law, Newsham, Parris, Johnson. Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo fought on the 18th June 1815 under the command of the Duke of Wellington. Thursday.

22nd. Robert Baynes appointed and sworn in as Police Constable in the place of John Johnston who has joined the Armed Police.

30th. Josiah Hoskin declined to renew his licence for the "Devon". Consequently there is but one Public House at this time in New Plymouth. A Whale taken, Mr Brown.

JULY.

4th. Sowed Wheat in Section, Mr Standish's seed 5/- per bus.

17th. A Whale taken by Mr Brown's party.

18th. Another Whale taken today and I am informed a Calf also.

22nd. Wednesday. A Riot anticipated at White and Gillingham's flour Mills. The Police were called out and repaired to the premises in Victoria Park. Everything passed off very quietly. Planted potatoes in garden.

30th. Mr Ransden has procured the licence formerly held by I.N. Watt of the Devon Hotel, but lately by Josiah Hoskin who held the licence

68 days. Mr Ramsden' house is known by the Sign of the Ship Hotel. The House is situated at Devon Port the property of Mr Lowthwait. Mr Bolland buried his Infant Daughter. Thursday.

AUGUST.

6th. Mr Brown's party killed a Whale today. Tendered Mr Jno. Smith a shilling (yesterday).

8th. Saturday. Mr Brown's party killed a Whale to day (and Calf). The Cow measured fifty ft. in length.

11th. The Schooner "Carbon" brought the intelligence of Rauparaha, the principal Chief of the tribe called Ngatitoa.

14th. Mr John Williams late with Captain Davey, committed suiside on the banks of a pond known as Barratt's Lagoon, by discharging one barral of a double barral'd Gun which entered his mouth and passed through the head. A Post Mortem examination of the Body was made by Mr St. George and Mr Lowe. There being no Coroner in New Plymouth the Magistrates were unanimous in their opinion that the decd. was in a state of temporary insanity and the Rites of the Church was performed by the Revd. Wm. Bolland on Sunday the 16th. Friday.

15th. Thos. Heale placed in the Gaol for drunkenness.

17th. Monday. The above was fined 5/- and 1/6 costs and suspended for 1 month as a Constable from this date.

27th. A Whale taken by Mr Brown's party.

SEPTEMBER.

5th. Anniversary of the Amelia Thompson landing her Emigrants.

10th. Thursday. Placed 40£ in the hands of the Revd. William Bolland belonging to the Benefit Society. Mr Wm. Black and Myself depositing that Sum with Mrs Bolland, Mr B. being unwell.

14th. Thos. Heale restored to his duties as a Constable.

22nd. Sent a Letter to Mr Denning and Mr Elston, Camden Town by Mr Octavius Carrington who leaves New Plymouth in the "Ralph Bernal".

25th. The "Ralph Bernal" left N.P. this day for Nelson, Mr & Mrs Octavius Carrington passengers for London. The Barque had a splendid time all the time she lay here. Capn. McClaren. The Editor of the Nelson N.Paper Mr Elliott left here for that place.

29th. The Church at New Plymouth was this day opened. Divine Service performed by the Revd. Mr Bolland, full Cathedral Service, Versicles and Responses. Jacksons Te Deum, and an Anthem taken from 29th Chapter 1 Book of Chronicles. "Blessed be Thou Lord God of Israel our Father"., the 132 psalsm verses, and the 122 psalm verses, a collection was made and 10 pounds .... shillings .... The foundation was laid on the 25th of March 1845 by Captain Henry King R.N., Police Magistrate.

OCTOBER.

9th. The Government Brig "Victoria" arrived here this morning from Wellington. Recd. 1 Newspaper dated 1 March 1846 from Mr Wm. Roe.

10th. The "Victoria" left here this afternoon with a South West wind for Auckland.

NOVEMBER.

4th. Wednesday. Mr Thos. King, Store Keeper, married to Miss Chilman at the Enui Church this morning. John Johnson returned to his duties as a Constable. Rt. Baynes has joined the Armed Police (3rd Nov.).

18th. Wednesday. Thomas Heale, Constable, sent to Auckland with Dispatches.

DECEMBER.

9th. Wednesday. The foundation stone of the New Plymouth Union Corn Mill was laid by Jas. Webster Esqr. on a spot of ground belonging to myself which has been purchased by the Directors for that

purpose, the Shareholders are unlimited, shares 2.10.0. Mr Robinson, Builder. A great many persons were present to witness the ceremony after which the Shareholders and others retired to the Ship Hotel where a substantial Dinner was provided by the Host Mr Ramsden at 3/6 each. The evening passed off very pleasantly, Mr Jas. Webster in the Chair, the Vice chair was occupied by Geo. Cutfield Esq.

16th. Thos. Heale, Constable, returned from Auckland being 29 days absent. The weather has been very fine all the time.

17th. Received information this morning that the Constabulary force is done away with and those who chose of them can join the Armed Police. Bought a Heiffer Calf of Mr Shaws for the sum of four pounds. She is now six months old. Mr Nairn has consented to let her feed with his cows.

19th. Saturday. The Cross on the Pediment (East end) of the New Plymouth Church was fixed. The Stone of which it is formed required 18 oxen to draw from the Beach. Fredrick Thatcher Esq., Architect.

30th. A Concert took place at Mr Davies large Room being the first of the kind in New Plymouth. It was extremely well attended by all the respectable persons in the Settlement.

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JANUARY.

1st. Friday. A large Pic Nic party went to the Waitera, Our family forming part. We were taken there in Carts drawn by Bullocks. Rather a fine day but a strong wind from the South West which was very unpleasant. Returned about 11 o'clock at night.

5th. H.M. Ship "Race horse" arrived here from Wellington.

8th. The above named Ship left New Plymouth.

13th. The "Victoria" Brig arrived here from Nelson with bricks and lime for the Hospital which is intended to be built near the Enui river.

16th. The "Victoria" Brig left here this afternoon.

30th. The "Elora" Barque from England the 9th October arrived at New Plymouth in 112 days. Captain Turnbull, from England direct.

FEBRUARY.

1st. Monday. The before named Barque left New Plymouth for Nelson.

2nd. The Mail to Auckland has been established, started this morning (Thos. Heale). The Mail to Wellington has also been established and started for Wanganui last Monday 25th instant. Mr Swanson the Attorney General arrived at N. Plymouth on Saturday last 30 Instant and left this Settlement this morning for Auckland. Captain Creagh left this settlement.

23rd. Departed this life in the 40th year Mr Richard Barrett, a well known character in New Zealand.

25th. The Mortal remains of Mr Rd. Barrett was interred in the Moturoa burying place - He was followed by a numerous body of the respectable Settlers. He was 40 years old.

26th. Arrived this morning in the "Inflexible" Steamer His Excellency Governor Gray, he was saluted with Seventeen guns from the Pah. Colonel Wakefield accompanied him. Friday.

28th. His Excellency the Governor attended divine service twice this day (Sunday) at the Church, the revd. Mr Cotten being present. Mr Nairn's house at . . . . was totally destroyed by fire and everything it contained.

MARCH.

6th. Saturday. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor took his departure from New Plymouth this morning in the "Inflexible" Steam Ship which had been at anchor off the Settlement wince last Friday. She is bound for Nelson and Wanganui.

8th. An illegitimate child was this day sworn on Mr Arcourt Richard Aubery by Harriet Forman a girl 16 years old. Mr A.R.A. to pay 2/- per week for the child's maintenance.

APRIL.

8th. Thursday. Her Majesties Brig "Victoria" arrived at Taranaki (New Plymo.) bringing Mr Ligar, Surveyor general. The Brig came from Wellington.
9th. The "Victoria" left this morning at 1 o'clock for Auckland.
19th. The foundation was laid of the New Plymouth Hospital.
20th. Paid the Churchwarden (Mr Wheeler) 10/- being the second voluntary contribution in aid of the New Plymouth Church.
22nd. Thursday. This day at 2 o'clock p.m. Mrs Newland was safely delivered of a son to be named George Samuel, the latter being his Grand Father's name (Samuel Newland) of Dodbrook Devon.

MAY.

8th. Saturday. The Barque "Louisa Campbell" called at New Plymouth from Auckland.
9th. The before named Barque left New Plymouth for Wellington. The Court for the Recovery of Debts under twenty pounds is now established.
19th. Wednesday. The Magistrates decided cases today being the first of the kind "Recovery of Debts".
25th. Tuesday. The Reverend William Bolland at this time is in a very dangerous state of Ilness, so much so that no hopes are entertained of his recovery. His Coffin is actually made through some of his acquaintances reporting him dead.
26th. Mrs Bolland safely delivered of a Son. Mother and child are doing well. Wednesday.
29th. Saturday. The Reverend William Bolland departed this life at the Parsonage New Plymouth this night at eleven o'clock. After a painful illness of one month's duration. He was very much respected by every one in the Settlement for his universal benevolence and charity.

JUNE.

5th. Saturday. The mortal remains of the Reverand William Bolland was deposited in the Grave this afternoon 4 o'clock. The Procession was formed of all parties, (a great many Dissenters among the number).

"Take him all in all
"We may ne'r look on his like again.

13th. The Infant George Samuel, was Babtized this evening by the Revd. Mr Govett, officiating Minister. The sponrs. are Mr John Smith of New Plymouth Store keeper and Frances Agnes Newland sister to the "Babe". (Sunday).
18th. Anniversary of the Police Force being established at New Plymouth. Also the triumph of the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo, when the great Commander Napolean Bonaparte was taken Prisoner and taken to St. Helena where he died.
19th. Saturday. The Waiwakio Suspension Bridge gave way this afternoon (South side). Great inconvenience is experienced in consequence.

JULY.

13th. The Government Brig "Victoria" arrived here this morning with Specie from Wellington. At the Wesleyan Chapel by the Revd. H.H. Turton, Mr John Watson to Miss Sarah Patten (by Banns). Tuesday.
16th. Friday. Arrived the Brigantine "Comet" from Twofold Bay with Cattle and Sheep. She lost 2 head from the former and 25 from the latter. The weather being fine she discharged her cargo and sailed at night.
17th. The Victoria left here this afternoon for Wanganui.

22nd. Thursday. Mr Turton, Methodist Mishonary delivered a Lecture on Peace and War in the Methodist Chapel New Plymouth, preferring the former to the latter.

24th. A death occured this afternoon in the Bush to one of the settlers named Scantling, a single man, by the falling of a Tree which he and a person named Stear were felling. He was killed instantly.

26th. The New Plymouth Union Corn Mill was disposed of to Mr Hulk of Wanganui for the sum of 250£, the Directors having expended 470 pounds. The Shareholders not coming forward with their payments the property was sold for the before named sum.

AUGUST.

9th. Monday. The Lord Bishop of New Zealand (Doctor Selwyn) arrived at New Plymouth. He delivered an excellent discourse in the evening in St. Mary's Church which was very full of people. The Bishop Baptized 10 children, he left New Plymouth about 12 o'clock at night, he having arrived here in the Schooner "Undune" from Nelson. Received a letter from Mr Roe dated 10th March 1847 and a Letters from Mrs Elston dated 8th March 1847. All well. Newspapers are to be discontinued.

17th. The Hooping Cough is very prevelent in this settlement (New Plymouth) at this time among the children.

18th. This morning Susan Newland, Mary Smith and Lydia Shaw were examined before Captain Henry King, Resident Magistrate. The before named children were rudely insulted in the Public Road on the 15th instant (Sunday) by 5 Boys two of which were sentenced to be confined in the Common Gaol for 48 hours, and hard labour. Their names were Joseph Hawke, and John Hooker, the former 13, the latter 15 years old.

27th. Friday. Two Cypress trees were planted at the foot of the Revd. William Bolland's grave in St. Mary's Church yard by Mr John Nairn, at the request of Mrs Bolland.

30th. I this day planted a Vine in the Gaol yard New Plymouth. Color and sort unknown.

SEPTEMBER.

2nd. The Government made a payment of two hundred pounds to the Maories belonging to Taranaki for 12 thousand acres of land lying to the South of this Settlement (New Plymouth). The Maories expressed a strong desire to have Europeans to come among them to settle. A cask of Tobacco was also paid them wheying .. lb. 24 pounds 3 shillings was paid for it. A Gentleman named F.D. Bell arrived at New Plymouth as Agent for the N.Z.C. from Nelson to take the present Agent's place, J.T. Wicksteed Esquire. A Lieutenant Governor is about this time to arrive at Wellington, the present Lieutenant Governor Captain Gray being now Governor in Chief. ProTem.

10th. Mr Richard Brown's party killed a Cow Whale, the only one taken this season up to this date.

14th. Tuesday. Captain Henderson and Lieutenant Collingson, the former of the Royal Artilery, the latter of the Royal Engineers, arrived at New Plymouth from Wanganui to select a proper Site for Barracks it is supposed.

OCTOBER.

15th. Friday. A meeting of the Settlers took place at the Seven Stars New Plymouth, to call the Governor's attention to the state of this Settlement. It was unanimously agreed to request Military protection, and to see his Excellency at New Plymouth as soon as it may be practible. A Memorial will be forwarded to Auckland on Monday next.

26th. Sent a letter to my Brother William at Adelaide.

NOVEMBER.

8th. Ephraim Coad examined before the Magistrates and was successful he having been Handcuffed and taken to the Gaol contrary to Law. The Inspector of Police (Dd. MacLeon) having given the orders to Sergeant Halse. Received a Letter from Mrs Elston (through Captain Greenwood) which informs us of the death of Mrs N.s Brothers, Edmund Roe, who departed this life the 16th day of June last.

DECEMBER.

1st. Have this day purchased a Town section of land No. 710 of the New Zealand Company situate in and at the corner of Vivian and Robe Streets for the sum of £2.10.0.

10th. Arrived the "Ralph Bernel" from Nelson lately arrived from England. Received a letter from Mr Roe. The above Barque left N.P. after staying three days - for Wellington.

31st. A Ball took place at Mr Hulkes flour Mill in Queen Street which was most respectably attended, it was a most sumptuous entertainment, good feeling prevailing. It was kept up till 5 o'clock the next morning.

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JANUARY.

1st. The "Victoria" Brigg arrived at New Plymouth bringing 1000 pounds in Gold for the government establishment. She left in the afternoon for Nelson taking the Revd. Mr Butt.

The Census for the year ending 31st of December 1847.
Population of Europeans residing at New Plymouth.
Males 612. Females 525. Total 1137.
Acres of Wheat cultivated for the Whites 766¼. Barley 128.
Oats 108¾. Turnips 79. Potatoes 167½.
Horned Cattle 568. Horses 21. Sheep 828. Pigs 585.
Births. Males 36. Females 34. Total 70.
Deaths. Males 8. Females 3. Total 11.
Grass 267 Acres. Rye 5 Do. Hops 1 Acre.

15th. Mr Gledhill left New Plymouth for Wellington in the Cutter "Fisherman" on his way to England (A Yorkshire man). Received a Parcel from Mrs Elston by the Schooner "Maid of the Mill" having been brought to New Zealand by Captain Greenwood and forwarded from Auckland.

FEBRUARY.

2nd. F.A. Newland commenced her duties in the new National School.

8th. Tuesday. Mr F.D. Bell, Resident Agent of the New Zealand c, accompanied by Mr Wellington Carrington, Surveyor, took their departure from N. Plymouth for the purpose of assending the extreem of Mount Egmont. There were many Natives went with them. The Brigantine "Star of China" arrived here from Sidney with sheep 70 in number. 30 Heifers and 4 Horses. The Sheep and Cattle were sold and one of the horses.

15th. Tuesday. The Expedition returned from the Mountain, the party succeeded in gaining the top. They were absent eight days. Mr Bell narrowly escaped a serious accident having made a false step, the snow giving way. He fell a considerable way.

21st. Monday. Arrived at New Plymouth this afternoon the Bishop's Schooner "Undine" bringing the Revd. Henry Govett (successor to the late Revd. William Bolland) Minister of N.P.

22nd. The "Undine" left N.P. this afternoon for Auckland taking R. Parris and his family.

27th. Sunday. The Governor-in-Chief Captain Grey arrived at N.P. this morning in the "Inflexible", War Steamer from Wellington. His Lady accompanied him, they were domiciled at Capn. King's, the Resident Magistrate.

MARCH.

1st. Wednesday. The Governor and suite took their departure this afternoon in the above named Steamer for Auckland. The guns were fired on his arrival and departure. New Plymouth Proclaimed a Town this day.

9th. Thomas Davies, Son of Mr Thomas Davies storekeeper and Tailor, fell into the Hutoki River a short distance below the Bridge and was drowned, he was 14 years of Age and of unsound mind.

15th. Wednesday. The seeds were sown this day around the Section in Vivian and Robe Streets to form the Boundry fences. Henry placing the first seed in the ground. I think he will say he has cause to remember the event (having shed tears).

17th. Friday. The seeds to form a Broom fence was sown at the bottom of Section in Vivian and Robe Streets by MySelf and John. The weather is very hot and dry and has been so for a very long time past. The Harvest has been very abundant and the quality, of the best description. The Carpenter began the New House in Vivian Street on Monday the 6th Instant (William Spurdles).

25th. Mr William P. March late Schoolmaster, has this day taken the business hitherto carried on by Mr William George. Known as the Seven Stars situated at the corner of Devon Street and Brougham Street. Saturday. Plans and designes were delivered in for a Bridge to be erected over the Huatoki River by Mr Robinson, Mr Rundle, Mr Shaw, Mr Sanders, Mr Henwood, and Mr Jonathan Tearn.

27th. Mr Rundle's plan is this day approved of.

APRIL.

1st. Mr Rundle has this day signed the contract for the Huatoki Bridge to be completed in 5 months for the sum of 90 Pounds to be built of wood (Puriri) Iron wood.

4th. The "Star of China" (Brigantine) arrived at New Plymouth from Sidney. She has on board cattle, and Horses, also some merchandice.

9th. Sunday. The Schooner "Undine" arrived at New Plymouth bringing the Bishop of N.Z., his Lordship preached in the morning, and evening, at St. Mary's Church. Mr Govett being down the coast (the Resident Missioy.).

10th. Received a letter and newspapers from my Brother William at Adelaide Dated January 23rd 1848. Received intelligence of the Death of my Brother Henry who departed this life in London on the 14th day of May 1846. He possesed more than a common share of Talant as an Artist, having been recommended to the Royal Academy by Sir William Beachey. I abstain from saying more of him believing he was his own enemy. Alas!

12th. Wednesday. The Lord Bishop of New Zealand held his first confirmation in St. Mary's Church New Plym. this morning, when fifteen young persons were confirmed, twelve females and three males. Frances Agnes and Susan, were among the number. The Bishop delivered a very impressive discourse. There were not many people present. His Lordship left New Plymouth this afternoon in his own Schooner "Undine" for Nelson.

22nd. Received a Letter from Mrs W. Roe Dated Oct. 3rd 1847 per "Indian". All well.

MAY.

2nd. Monday. Sent a Letter to my Brother who is residing at Adelaide. Letters also sent to Mr Elston, Mr W. Roe, and Fanny sent one to Mrs Douglass at Adelaide. The above Letters were forwarded per the Brigantine "Star of China". She is loaded with Potatoes belonging to the Revd. R.H. Turton, Methodist Minister, Ninety Tons and are intended for the Sydney Market.

20th. Henry and Myself set 143 Filberts and 45 Peach stones in the Garden at Vivian Street, also 5 Plum stones (supposed to be Green Guage,) and 1 Apricot. Saturday.

29th. The anniversary of the death of the much lamented Revd. Wm. Bolland.

JUNE.

5th. Anniversary of the funeral of the late Revd. Wm. Bolland. Mrs Bolland has strewlflowers in the Grave constantly up to this time.

9th. A Public Dinner was given to F.D. Bell Esq. at the Seven Stars Inn, New Plymouth (Kept by W.P. Murch), as a mark of respect for his able services rendered to this Settlement. He is a very talanted young man .... years of age. He leaves New Plymouth to suceed Mr Fox, late Resident Agent of the N.Z.C., Nelson. The Chair was filled by I.G. Cook Esq. of this Settlement J.P. The Vice Chair was occupied by J. Webster Esq. J.P. Including the two Chairman there were thirty persons present, chiefly the most respectable of New Plymo. I had the honor of an invitation. Mr Wm. Halse of this settlement is to succeed Mr Bell as Resident Agent N.Z.C.

17th. Saturday. A Whale was taken today by Mr Richard Brown's party. The Great Wycato chief named Te W .... arrived at New Plymouth from Wellington and left on Monday the 19th.

18th. The Revd. Mr Cole, minister of Wellington, performed Divine Service at St. Mary's Church New Plymouth this day, Trinity Sunday. Mr Govett being down the Coast.

19th. Monday. Mr F.D. Bell N.Z.C. late Resident Agent at New Plymouth, left this place in the "Fisherman" Cutter for Nelson.

29th. Friday. The Government Brig "Victoria" arrived at New Plymouth direct from Auckland bringing Specie for the Government Officers. She left this same day for Sydney to undergo a repair.

JULY.

3rd. Mr F.D. Bell finally left New Plymouth, he having returned in consequence of the "Fisherman" being in a calm since the 19th off Taranaki. Mr Bell takes with him the notorious Native named Catatori who has been a very great opponent to the to the late Governor Capn. Robert FitzRoy and the present Governor-in-Chief, Capn. Grey. The Settlers are thankful for the riddence as Catatori is a very disagreeable Maory.

14th. The Schooner "Mary Ann" arrived at New Plymouth bring the news of the total destruction by fire of the Government House, Auckland, on the 23rd of last month (June).

19th. The "Star of China" arrived here from Wellington. She brings important news that there is a Revolutionin France and Louis the King is gone to England for protection. France is now a Republican Government.

21st. The "Star of China" left N.P. this evening for Sydney. Mrs Creagh has left this settlement to join her husband Captain Creagh, who is residing in Adelaide.

23rd. This day (Sunday) at evening service the Minister and congregation of St. Mary's Church were shut in and at the conclusion of the Service were obliged to break the door down before they could take their departure.

27th. This day a well known person named Richard Brown committed an assault on a Maori named*.... by striking him on the head with the handle of a Whip. The consequences of the act were fearful as the natives threatened to destroy the Town of New Plymouth if their countryman died. Mr Brown is a Storekeeper and has a Whaling Establishment at Moturoa. *"Witana Rangi-ira".

28th. Friday. This morning at half past two the above named person was placed in the N.P. Gaol. At ten the depositions were read over to him and he was remanded till three o'clock when he was again brought before the Magistrates, Capn. King R.M., I.T. Wicksteed and P. Wilson, Surgeon , J.P. when he was again remanded until Monday 31st at ten o'clock.

29th. Mr McLean, Inspector of Police returned from Wanganui.
31st. Mr Brown examined this morning. He was again remanded till Thursday August the third, the Maori not being in a fit state to give evidence.

AUGUST.

3rd. Mr Brown was examined this morning, the Native being present, when the case was fully investigated. The Magistrate's present were - Captain King Resident Magistrate, J.T. Wicksteed, I.G. Cooke, J. Flight, I. Webster and W. Halse Esquires. The case was adjourned till tomorrow and the prisoner was remanded.
4th. The above case was decided today. Mr Brown was adjuged to pay five pounds including the costs. Two pounds ten shillings to be paid to the Native and the same sum to the Government. Mr Brown had to yield to the demands of the Maories generally in giving his Horse "Jack" as payment, being on his back when he inflicted the blow. Mr B is bound over to keep the peace for twelve months under the penalty of one hundred pounds.
10th. Date of authority "Colonial Secretary's letter 19th January 1848 No. 8" (as Gaoler)
18th. Christopher Hurlstone was put in the Gaol this evening at 8 o'clock for drunkenness.
19th. Saturday. The above case was heard by Cap. King R.M. To be confined 24 hours in the Gaol in default of payment.
20th. Hurlstone discharged this morning. 2nd Ration - 2 Rations.
22nd. Mr Henry Halse 1 hundred Bricks.
27th. Sent a letter to Mr Elston Camden Town. Sent a Letter to Mr Roe, Smith Street.
29th. Tuesday. Joseph Street was placed in the Gaol for drunkenness. He was examined the following morning and in default of paying 6/6d was committed for 24 hours.
31st. Jos. Street discharged at ten o'clock this morning. 2nd Ration, he had two. The second instalment was paid to the Taranaki Natives for the Omati Block by the Goverrment 100£. The Hutoki Bridge was finished this day, this is the first of the kind built of Puriri. This Bridge is situate in the center of the Town of New Plymo. and erected by Mr Richard Rundle of New Plymouth for the sum of 90£.

SEPTEMBER.

3rd. Sunday. This morning at 10 o'clock the Ketch "Sarah Berry" returned to New Plymouth having been disabled near Albatross point. She left N.P. on Thursday laden with flour for the Auckland market. She is laying on the Beach.
5th. Anniversary of "Amelia Thompson" arriving at New Plymouth.
12th. The "Star of China" left New Plymouth for Auckland. Mr Charles Hursthouse left for England. Sent a letter to Mr Elston and Mr Roe. Daniel Bishop, Carpenter, was put in the Gaol for drunkenness.
13th. Daniel Bishop, discharged this morning by paying 3/- fine and 1/6 costs (Wednesday).
19th. Tuesday. The "Victory" Barque from England but lately from Nelson. Bringing Mr Octavius Carrington, Surveyor and Wife from England. The "Victory" did not anchor. She Proseeded to Sydney this afternoon. The Taranaki Hospital finished.
29th. Anniversary of the New Plymouth Church being opened. Saint Michael's Day. (Friday).
30th. Saturday. Rations to Destitute Persons. Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland 18th June, 1848. 8 oz. Pork. 24 oz Bread. $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Sugar. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Tea. 8 oz. Potatoes. Scale for each Ration.

OCTOBER.

14th. A very strong South East wind set in to day. It increased with much violence until the 16th at two a.m. when it was followed by a Shock of an Earthquake it being the strongest that has been felt and longer in its duration than any previously remembered by the

European population at this time in the Town of New Plymouth. There was much rain at the commencement of this storm.

16th. The Cutter "Fisherman" returned to New Plymouth having left here for Wellington with a cargo of flour, she had proceeded a considerable way on her passage when she fell in with the above stated Gale, and was driven back to Cape Egmont. The Cutter sustained the loss of her Master John Watson who was struck by the Boom overboard and never was seen afterwards. The deceased was well known in N.P.

18th. A severe storm visited this Settlement this day, the wind North East and very strong, accompanied with heavy rain in the morning. The wind shifted to the South West with greater violence and much heavier rain. The River Huatoki was swollen so high that it completely filled the water course to the under part of the New Bridge. Great damage has been done by this Storm!!!

16th. The shock of an Earthquake was felt this morning at 2 o'clock by most of the Settlers in this district.

NOVEMBER.

4th. The Schooner "Carbon" arrived this afternoon from Wellington bringing information of the dreadful effects of the Earthquake at that place on the 16th ult. also on the two following days. The principal stores in the place were completely levelled to the ground, also the Methodist Chapel a large building, with many other houses. N.B. The visitation lasted for 8 days.
The "Bernicia" Barque arrived at N.P. yesterday from England direct, left on the 6th July. She goes to Nelson, Wellington, and Otago. She is the Company's Vessel having near 200 on board. Captain Arnold.
The "Bernicia" left N.P. the following day for Nelson. She had very fine weather, the passengers very much pleased with New Plymouth.

7th. The body of George Crann was found on the Beach this morning, he having attempted to swim from the "Carbon". An inquest was held on the body. N.B. This is the first instance of any European being drowned by the sea.

10th. The Native Chief William King passed New Plymouth with 38 Canoes and a great many of his people to settle at the Waitara.

23rd. The "Star of China" arrived in eleven days from Sydney bringing horses and Cattle.

28th. "Blundell" Barque arrived at New Plymouth from Nelson. She left this evening the weather particularly fine. The "Star of China" left for Sydney.

29th. The Natives consented to take this day the sum of 200 pounds for about 1....

DECEMBER.

17th. An American Whaler was boarded by the Pilot Mr Watson this morning (Sunday). At this time and up to Christmas the weather has been very delightful.

25th. This morning the Singers of our Church visited some of the Settlers and sang several Airs and other music. They appeared very much gratified by the attention paid them.

End of the year 1848.

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JANUARY.

1st. The first Taranaki Races took place in the neighbourhood of Moturoa. The 10 pound was won by G. Cutfield Esq. The beaten horses stakes was also won by the same gentleman who rode Mr Davy 5 pounds stake.

11th. Colonial Brig "Victoria" arrived here from Nelson having 500 pounds in Gold for the Government. She left for Auckland the next day. Mr Merchaset and Mr Jn. Hursthouse left in her.

13th. "Star of China" left N. Plymouth for Sydney.

FEBRUARY.

6th. A Select Ball took place in Our new house in Vivian Street this evening.
8th. Went into the New house this day situated at the corner of Vivian and Robe Street in this Settlement N.P.

MARCH.

5th. The "Star of China" left N.P. this day for Sydney (Sunday).
9th. Friday. The Barque "Mary" arrived here from England touching at Nelson where she remained 10 days, bringing to N.Z. 140 Emigrants for Nelson and Otago. New Plymouth seems to be at this time in a state of suspension. She brings the information that all is peaceable in England.
10th. "Mary" left N.P. today. She has had a splendid time while here, and was 4 Months to the day in her passage from England to N.P. She goes to Wellington. She brings from England 140 passengers for Nelson, Wellington and Otago. The Government Brig "Victoria" merely called and left again the same day bringing no news whatever.

APRIL.

13th. This Settlement was visited by a very strong South East wind which lasted five days.
27th. The "Star of China" arrived from Sydney with cattle. The Captain Brought a Violin for John cost 1 pound.

MAY.

3rd. The "Star of China" left N.P. for Auckland on her way to Sydney taking Mr. Mrs. Merchant and family, who purpose going to Hobart Town.
11th. Mr & Mrs Fox, Principal Agent of the New Zealand Company, took their departure having arrived here in the Brigantine "Harliqueen" from Auckland a few days ago. Mr Fox has given great satisfaction in allowing compensation to those who could not obtain their Land, having purchased before they left England in 1841. He has consented to allow 1 Acre an ½ for every Acre making 75 for every section of 50 Acres.

JULY.

13th. The Government Brig arrived at New Plymouth from Nelson. Mr Marshand Colonial Surgeon, was interred in St. Mary's Church yard on the 0th Inst. He died of consumption.

AUGUST.

3rd. The Heifer "Primrose" calved. Heifer calve.
16th. Ennui Bridge finished.
18th. Arrived at New Plymouth from the port of London the ship "Cornwall" 550 tons, bringing again at N.P. Miss Wright, Mr C. Brown and passengers. This Ship was days on her passage and her first voyage.
23rd. The "Cornwall" left New Plymouth for Nelson. One of the Cabin passengers named Taylor lost a child, was buried along side the late Revd. Wm. Bolland in the enclosurd N.P. Church yard.

SEPTEMBER.

24th. The Government Brig "Victoria" arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland bringing 500 pounds in Specie, and a person to succed Mr Webster the Harbour Master, and Port-Master named Leech.
27th. The Brig left N.P. for Wanganui.

OCTOBER.

20th. Arrived from England the Ship "Kelso" Captain Innes. She made the voyage in 105 days from the Downs. She leaves a few Immigrs. Major Loyd, a Gentleman named Faithful and family.

23rd. The above named Ship left N.P. for Nelson.

NOVEMBER.

27th. Mrs Bolland, widow of the late Rev. William Bolland, first church of England Minister of this settlement (New Plymouth), left for Auckland in the Schooner "Post Bag" on her way to England, universally regretted by every one who knew her. She takes her only child with her a Son. An address was presented to her signed by forty one of the N.P. settlers. N.B. Sent a letter to Mr William Roe by Mrs Bolland.

DECEMBER.

13th. Thursday. Government Brig "Victoria" arrived at N.P. She left for Auckland same day.

22nd. Arrived from England H.M. Man-of-War Brig "Swift" Captain ..... She brought from Ireland the State prisoners Smith O'Brian and associates whom she left at Hobart Town on her way to New Plymouth. She leaves N.P. for Wellington.

27th. Thursday. The New Plymouth Races comes off this day. Taranaki stakes 10 pounds for the best horses. The weather is very fine with a smart wind from S.W.

29th. The new Bonded Store belonging to Mr Charles Brown is this day completed, Situated close to the New Plymouth Gaol. This is the first ever known in N.P.

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JANUARY.

6th. Arrived at N.P. this morning the Government Brig "Victoria" from Auckland having on board Lady Grey (the Governor's Wife) and several other ladies. The Governor is hourly expected over land by way of Tongreen Mountains.

17th. The Barque "Berkshire" arrived at N.P. direct from England leaving us 32 persons. Capn. White.

19th. Saturday. Sir George Grey, Governor-in-Chief arrived over land from Auckland to New Plymouth. The "Berkshire" left N.P. for Nelson, she lost an Anchor and 75 fathoms of cable.

27th. H.M. Man of War Harannah.

30th. The Government Brig "Victoria" arrived at New Plymouth from Wellington wither she had been to bring the Lieutenant Governor Mr Eyre, who is pledged to a Lady from Plymouth named Ormond who arrived at N.P. in the Barque "Berkshire".

31st. The Bachelor's of New Plymouth gave a Ball at the Police Barracks in Courtney Street. The Governor-in-Chief and Lady Grey were present together with a majority of the respectable inhabitants of N.P. Myself, Mrs Newland, Fanny, Susan and John were among the number. The evening was spent in the most pleasant manner possible.

FEBRUARY.

5th. Tuesday. The Lieutenant Governor Mr Eyre left N.P. over land for Auckland. It is reported that Miss Ormond, the Lady who arrived in the "Berkshire" has altered her mind respecting him. The Brig "Victoria" is still at New Plymouth, the weather is remarkably fine and has so been for the last week past.

7th. Thursday. The Ship "Pekin" arrived here from Nelson bringing some twenty passengers, friends of Mr Hursthouse. This ship brings intelligence of the "Berkshire" which left N.P. on the .. of last month, becoming a wreck on her entrance into Nelson.

8th. The Government Brig "Victoria" left New Plymouth for Auckland taking Lieutenant Page, 58 Regt and Wife, Miss Pitt and Brother, Rev. Mr Cole of Wellington, and an Artist named Clark. Miss Ormond the Lady who came to New Zealand for the purpose of marring the Lieut. Governor.

9th. The "Pekin" left New Plymouth for India having experienced a very fine time during her three days stay here. The weather very fine.

MARCH.

2nd. The Government Brig "Victoria" arrived at N. Plymouth from Auckland. She left the same afternoon for Nelson. The Governor is very unwell.

11th. The "Victoria" came from Nelson to New Plymouth for the express purpose of taking the Governor-in Chief to Auckland.

17th. Sunday. The Governor-in-Chief, Sri Geo. Grey, left N.P. in the Brig "Victoria" for Auckland this afternoon. His Excellency appears in a very ill state of health and has been for some weeks past. Lady Grey accompanies the Governor.

JUNE.

4th. Received a letter from Mrs W. Roe dated 19th Dec. 1849 (all well).

5th. The Schooner "Ereno" came on shore at the Enui in consequence of all hands being drunk.

7th. Arrived the Government Brig from Wellington. She did not stay any time but left for Auckland. There is now in the New Plymouth Road Stead "Sercia", "Shepheardess", "William and James", and the "Victoria". The "Sescia" is a Brigantine the "Shephreardess" a Schooner, the William and James" a Cutter, and the "Victoria" a Brig (Goverment).

27th. Thursday. Mr Thomas Davies, late Tailor and Store Kepper in New Plymouth, was found drowned in the Enui River yesterday 26th instant and interred this day in St. Mary's Church yard New Plymouth. He was of unsound mind and had been missed 16 days. Was found by a Maori passing up the River in a Canoa. His son met a similar fate two years ago.

28th. Arrived the Barque "Poictiers" from England direct with Emigrants for N. Plymouth, Nelson, Wellington and Otago. Canterbury also.

JULY.

1st, 2nd. & 3rd. A strong wind from the S.E. which lasted for three days. Putting a stop to the Boats which were engaged in bringing the cargo from the above named vessel "Poictiers".

7th. Sunday. The "Poictiers" left New Plymouth for Nelson. She leaves at New Plymouth 16 Settlers, appearantly very respectable persons.

AUGUST.

1st. The Cutter "William and James" .... tons, the property of Saml. Oliver, and Nathanial Reed of N.P., came on shore this morning between 3 and 4 o'clock the Omata side of the Sugar Loaves. She had a full cargo for N.P. She became a complete wreck, some of the goods has been saved but unfortunately the wife of Bishop, a carpenter, was drowned. The vessel was from Auckland, she being a passenger. It is considered by many here that the Master of the Cutter is very culpable.

4th. Mrs Davies, wife of Mr Thos. Davies late Tailor and Store keeper of N.P. (who was found drowned on the 26th June) departed this life.

13th. The adjourned inquest on the Female who was drowned in the "William and James" was finally desided after three days deliberation. The Master - Newham, was considered grossly culpable in the cause of the Vessel being wrecked.

A very strong S.E. wind which lasted four days doing great damage to the roofs of many houses, and destroyed my early crop of Peas in garden. The wind lasted till friday 16th Inst.

20th. The Cow "Primrose" had a heifer calf this morning being her second ofspring.

SEPTEMBER.

14th. Saturday. A Roman Catholic Priest arrived in this settlement named . . . . from Wellington. Mr Edwin Davy sold his property for the sum of 1500£ situated at the Waiwaikio - 200 acres.

OCTOBER.

11th. Friday. The Ship "Mariner" arrived at N.P. The weather being unfavorable the Emigrants did not land till the 13th (Sunday) when 28 persons were added to the population of N.P. This ship left this Port at 11 o'clock at night on Sunday the 13th Instant. She came from Nelson to New Plymouth and intends to proceed direct to China.

14th. The Cow "Hollyhock" purchased this day from Captain King for 17 pounds). A person named William Henwood had his Mare taken from him by Maories, the latter having had a horse shot at by some person, theysupposing Henwood to have done it. Henwood was examined before the Magistrates and this case was dismissed.

29th. Tuesday. The Barque " Eden" arrives at New Plymouth direct from England leaving 42 passengers at this place. She was .... days in making her passage to this port, she is bound for Nelson, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago. She Brought a Parcel containing Book a work in the management of a Dairy.

31st. Henwood had his Mare returned to him this day by the same Maories that took her away, having kept her since the 14 instant.

NOVEMBER.

6th. The Barque "Eden" left New Plymouth for Nelson, she did not get her Anchor. This Vessel leaves 42 passengers at N.P.

16th. Information has been received this morning (by Mr Leech, Post Master New Plymouth), that the New Zealand Company are a defunct body. The news came to New Zealand by the "Cornealia". She arrived at Wellington on the ... instant.

DECEMBER.

15th. The ship "Phoebe Dunbar" arrived at New Plymouth from Nelson leaving 12 passengers at this settlement. Sunday.

17th. The "PhoebeDunbar" left N.P. for India.

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JANUARY.

4th. This day at 6 o'clock P.M. Mrs Newland safely delivered of a Daughter to be named Helen Mary.

26th. Arrived from Auckland the Barque "Sir Edwarde Paget" leaving passengers for New Plymouth.

28th. "Sir Edward Paget" left N.P. for Wellington.

31st. Friday. I have Registered my three youngest children Henry, George Samuel, and Helen Mary, in the recording Book of this Settlement, New Plymouth, New Zealand. Henry Born 17th August, 1842. George Samuel Born 22nd April, 1847. Helen Mary Born 4th January 1851.

FEBRUARY.

1st. An Eclipse of the Sun at 6 o'clock p.m. about one third of the Orb obstructed.

15th. had a Hive of Bees of Mr Edwin Davy, cost 15/-

21st. Sold to Mr J.C. Sharland Eleven hundred and fifty pounds weight of Onions at 13/4dper lb. £8.7.8½. The before mentioned Onions were grown in my Garden at Vivian Street. The spot measured 57 ft 6 In. by 23 ft. making supr. feet 1322.6 in 146 yds. 8 ft. 6 In. N.B. Add one hundred and fifty to the before stated weight makes the whole grown in this ground to be 1300 pounds weight. They are considered to be the best Onions in New Plymouth and much the best crop.

21st. Mr George Robinson had 25 lbs. of onions at 13/4d.

25th. Mr Edwin Davy left N.P. in the Schooner "John Whitely" for Auckland and a Gentleman named Abraham, a Barrester.

MARCH.

25th. Hired and took possession of 23 Acres of land, the property of Mr William Cutfield Ring of Brooklands near New Plymouth, for three years, being the Residue of a Lease for Seven years until this date held by Mr Jno. Trewick of N.P. to pay the yearly rent of 18 pounds. Bought this day of Captain H. King two Heifers named "Tortoise" and "Pink" for 14 pounds each, the former to calve 11th November, the latter on 17th.

30th. This night at 12 o'clock the "John Whiteley" Schooner stuck on the Puketapo Reef and became a complete Wreck. No lives were lost, the Master of her John Liddle is a man very much respected. In consequence a public subscription has taken place and a very liberal sum has been collected for him to procure him another Vessel. ... the amount recd. Sunday.

APRIL.

9th. The Bishop arrived here this day from Nelson in his Schooner "Undine" . He preached in the evening and left for Auckland the following morning.

10th. The "Isabella Hercus" Ship came here from Wellington. She sailed from England to the Canterbury settlement and touched here on her way to India leaving a family named the Moles.

11th. The above named Ship left N.P. for Calcutta this morning. A well known Wesleyan Minister named Turton was married yesterday by Mr Govett, the Church Minister at the Henui Church. Friday.

16th. The Barque "Creswell" arrived from Auckland this morning bearing 14 passengers for N.P.

18th. Good Friday. The Barque "Cresswell" left New Plymo. for Wellington. Miss Horne took her passage in her for Capn. Smith's Woman. The Government Brig "Victoria" calld. here on her way to Nelson being in want of Provisions.

21st. The news has reached N.P. that the Governor proposes to make Wellington the Seat of Government. It is considered by some to be a doubtful case. It is well known that the Wellington people are very anxious for such an event.

25th. The Barque "Victory" arrived at New Plymouth from Wellington leaving us six Emigrants.

26th. Saturday. The "Victory" left here this morning for India. Geo. Cutfield Esq. is appointed by the Governor-in-Chief one of the General Council for the whole of New Zealand to meet at Wellington on the twentieth of May next.

MAY.

1st. A Marriage ceremony was performed by the Resident Magistrate Capn. King at the residence of Mr Horne, Surgeon of this settlement. The parties were Mr Charles Brown Store keeper, and Miss Margaret Joy Horne, Daughter of the before named Mr Horne. This is the first instance of the kind.

11th. Sunday. The Government Brig "Victoria" called at N.P. for the purpose of taking George Cutfield Esqu. to Wellington, he being a Magistrate to be present at a general Council to be holden at Wellington of the whole Island on the 19th Inst. She had on board His Honour Judge Chapman. The Brig left this evening for Nelson on her way to the former place.

14th. Wednesday. The Man of War Steamer "Acheron" arrived at N.P. this morning. Captain Stokes repaired to the Waitara for the purpose of enquiring into the cause of the detention of the Cutter "Diana" the Master of her having given a one sided statement. She left for Sydney this evening.

22nd. Disposed and received the amount for the house corner of Vivian and Robe Streets for the sum of 225 pounds, purchased by Mr Humphries, Surgeon, lately arrived from England.

23rd. Bought 5 cows being the number chosen from among 38 brought from Whanganui, the property of Mr Alexander for the sum of 55 pounds. Their names are as under. Strawbery, Kitty, Moggy, Dainty and Poly. Mr Gudgeon had on the 10th day of this month 2 bushels of Rye grass seeds price 7/6 per Busl., he also had 1 Bushel of Meadow grass seed 10/-.

26th. Monday. Messrs Flight and Devenish had their 4 Cows returned to Mr Smith the same having been at the farm for their keep. They were taken back by William this afternoon.

JUNE.

24th. Cleared away from the premises lately occupied by me the whole of the Mangold Wurtzel and Carrots, 2½ tons of the former and nearly the same quantity of the latter, and taken to the Farm.

27th. Thursday. This day a second case of Canser in the person of a Female named Forman, wife of Stephen Forman, a farmer. Was buried in St. Mary's Church yard - the first case of the kind in this Settlement (N.P.) was the wife of a farmer named Allen of Omata near New Plymouth, some few months ago. The weather has been very unfavorable having had rain throughout the Month.

30th. Tuesday. Sowed the wheat at the farm this day, 4 Bushels of seed was sown cost 7/6 per Busl. Bot. of Mr Stephen Gillingham. The Government house on Mount Eliot was destroyed by fire on the night of Saturday or early on Sunday morning 29th instant.

JULY.

9th. Wed. The price of wheat this day is 10/- per Busl.

10th. Thurs. The Barque "Stately" arrived at N.P. from Auckland.

11th. Friday. The "Stately" left N.P. this afternoon for Wellington.

13th. An Eclipse of the Moon commenced about ½ past 5 p.m., this Phenonenom was not spoken of in the Almanack or known of by any person in N.P. It was full moon about the time of the Eclipse. Sunday.

27th. Saturday. The shock of an Earthquake was generally felt at N.P. this morning about 9 o'clock.

AUGUST.

2nd. Saturday. A Public meeting of the inhabitants of New Plymouth took place at the "Seven Stars" Inn corner of Devon and Brougham streets for the purpose of taking into consideration the Governor's willingness to consolidate the town of New Plymouth to half its present size. The proposition was received and carried by a numerously attended meeting unanimously. Mr Jno. Hursthouse in the chair. N.B. Sir Geo. Grey is desirous of sending 200 Pensioners to this Settlement (N.P.), a thing very much to be desired and also wished for by every Citizen thereof.

7th. Red "Poly" cow calved this morning Bull calf. This cow was bought of Mr Alexander from Whanganui on 23rd May last. N.B. See that date, four other purchased at the same time. The Cow "Hollyhock" had a Bull Calf this day 7th Instant to be named "Briton". Monday.

9th. The Cow "Primrose" had a Bull Calf to be named "Dragon". Saturday.

18th. Monday. The Attorney General, Mr Swainson passed through New Plymouth on his way to Auckland. He left N.P. on the 20th.

26th. Sowed Onion seed in Farm Garden this day, and planted others for nex years seed.

SEPTEMBER.

17th. The Cow "Kitty" had Calf this day. Bull Calf. John Dunn and Samuel Harris sent two calves, one each, to grass at 6d a week each. Sent yesterday the 15th Instant.

OCTOBER.

4th. Saturday. The settlers met this evening for the purpose of making New Plymouth a Corporation. It proved a failure.
8th. The Cow "Dainty" had a Bull Calf to day to be called "Hutely".
12th. The Barque "Simlah" arrived here from Auckland leaving 45 persons for N.P. Sunday.
13th. The "Simlah" left N.P. this morning for Wellington.
25th. Saturday. A new flag-staff, erected this day on the Pah, the cost 45 pounds 10s.
28th. The Cow "Moggy" calved this day, a Bull calf, to be named "Hector".

NOVEMBER.

6th. The Cow "Tortoise" calved this day, a Bull calf to be named ..... Sowed rather more than $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre of Oats on the bank where the wheat failed at the corner next to Sl. James house.
12th. The Cow "Pink" had a Bull calf this day being the 9th calf since entering on the farm. 8 Bull calves and 1 Heifer (Wednesday).
15th. Mr Blaschke sent his Cow this evening. He is to receive for her $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of Butter and a pint of milk, the former to be weekly, the latter daily.
20th. A Pic Nic on a large scale was given by Mr Charles Brown on his intended saw mill section. Fanny and Susan were among the guests. Every thing passed of most pleasantly.
25th. Tuesday. This morning at 11 o'clock the first sale of town Sections took place at the Sub Treasurer's Office N.P. by Mr Leach, Sub Collector of Customs (Captain King being unwell). The following numbers were put up for public competition the upset price for each being 12.10 twelve pounds ten shillings. No. 695 brought 14 pounds, 696 brought 22 pounds, 699 brought 52 pounds, 755 brought 12.10.0 twelve pounds ten shillings, 954 brought 15.15.0 fifteen pounds fifteen shillings. 955 brought 20 pounds and 1025 realized 12.10 twelve pounds ten shillings, being 7 in number making the amount of £148.15.0.
30th. Sunday. The Ship "Cashmere" arrived at N.P. this day from Auckland bringing 31 passengers. A Clergyman named Bailey and family are among the number.

DECEMBER.

1st. A great deal of rain has fallen to day, indeed this is considered by all the settlers to exceed all former years since 1841.
7th. The "Cashmere" left N.P. this day for Wellington.

NOVEMBER.

22nd. His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Wynyard declared the town of Auckland to be a Corporate Body, and Mr Archibald Clark to be the first Mayor. He is a Draper of the Middle town ward. This ceremony took place on Saturday 22nd November (last month). A Pic Nic on a select scale took place at the farm this day, 60 in number. Music, Dancing, and Singing was the order of the day. Unfortunately the weather was very unfavorable being very wet, otherwise so many more would have been present.

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JANUARY.

6th. The Barque "Lord Wm. Bentick" arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland. Sold 4 Calves to the Rev. Mr Bailey for 3 pounds each - the Calves

are to remain at the farm to graze at 6d per week each by Mr Bailey's request.

14th. The "Lord William Bentick" left New Plymouth for Wellington. Chief Justice Martin arrived here over land.

16th. The Chief Justice left N.P. for Auckland this morning.

19th. Monday. Mr Blaschke took his Cow from the farm and Calf also.

FEBRUARY.

2nd. The weather at this time, and has so been for many weeks past, most unfavorable for the Harvest, having almost constant Rain.

7th. Weather continues still very unsettled. The wheat has began to grow as it stands in the feilds. Many persons has their crops in a very sad plight. I am sorry to say I have three acres, very little escaped from being spoilt.

12th. Carted the wheat to day, being a fine day.

17th. The Ship "Fatima" arrived here from Wellington bringing 17 passengers for this place. A Schooner (French) from Sydney bringing a Cargo of Sheep for a Gentleman named Richardson living at the Waiwaikai. Sold a quantity of wearing apparel and other effects, the property of a person lately deceased Named Williams a Wilson. This property has been valued and sold by order of Captain King, Resident Magistrate, the expenses of the deceased funeral to be paid from the amount and the balance to be forwarded to the proper person at Auckland (Outhwait Esqu.)

18th. The "Fatima" left N.P. this evening, the French Schooner left here for Sydney.

MARCH.

5th. Friday. The Barque "William Hyde" came here from Canterbury bearing 17 passengers.

7th. The Sow, purchased of Mr Standish farrowed to day, 11 in number.

13th. Saturday. The Barque "William Hyde" left New Plymouth for ..... leaving 17 passengers. Mr Halse's Cow "Alice" brought to the farm for the purpose of taking care of the Calf. Not to pay for the Cow.

16th. The Brigantine "Comet" Captain Cook, arrived here from ..... with Cattle and Sheep.

23rd. Sent a letter to England Mr Roe. The shock of an Earthquake was felt this morning at an early hour.

24th. Another Shock of an Earthquake was felt generally at 6 a.m.

30th. Sold the pet sheep "Tiny" to James Rundle, its weight 86 pounds at 5. £1.15.10.

APRIL.

10th. Saturday. A Cutter dismasted in the offing this afternoon Named C...., the wind being very strong from the South East.

11th. Sunday. The wind continues strong and the dismasted vessel at anchor some 4 or 5 miles off. Easter Sunday.

20th. The "Catherine Stewart Forbes" (Barque) arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland leaving 17 passengers. Sent the Bull Calf "Bruce" to Mr Groube's to graze, he is about 5 months old.

24th. Saturday. The "Catherine Stewart Forbes" left New Plymouth for Batavia. Sent the Revd. Mr Bailey's calves to Omata having had them (4 in number) 16 weeks at 2/- £1.12.0.

28th. Wednesday. The Show had of Mr Standish is now recorded in case John should not do so at the farm.

MAY.

1st. Revd. Mr Bailey paid £1.12.0 for the keep of his calves. Bought the house in Courtney Street of Mr John Smith for 150 pounds to be paid for in 7 years, the interest of that amount to be paid half yearly at the rate of 15 pounds a year. Possession was given at Lady day last, (now in the occupation of George Ryan, Store keeper).

3th. Went into the house in Courtney Street this day (Saturday).

9th. The Barque "John Phillips" arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland bringing back Major Loyd who went from here about 2 years ago. There are at Anchor at this date in Port three Schooners named "Elizabeth", "Matilda" and "Shepherdess".

12th. The Barque "John Phillips" left New Plymouth for Nelson, she had a very fine time while here. The Captain was much pleased with the dispatch the cargo Boats afforded.

17th. Bought two Ewes in Lamb this day of Mr John Watson for the sum of one pound ten shillings each, belonging to Fanny and John.

25th. Mr Cooper, Inspector of Police, came to New Plymouth over land from Wellington, he succeeds Mr McLean. Mr Cooper is Commissioner to purchase land from the Natives as well.

29th. Arrived from Hobart Town the Barque "Fair Tasmanian" with 1000 Sheep, she was one week on this passage.

JUNE.

1st. The "Fair Tasmanian" left N.P. for Hobart Town.

2nd. The Bachelors of New Plymouth gave a Ball at Mr A. King's Room in Devon Street which was very well attended. My-self, Fanny, Susan, and John were among the guests.

17th. 5½ Bushels of Wheat has been ground from the produce of the Farm up to this date.

20th. The Heifer Carrym had a Bull Calf this evening (Sunday). Name "Plow Boy".

JULY.

1st. Thursday. Captain Henry King R.N. resigned his situation as R. Magistrate for New Plymouth and Josiah Flight Esqu. of the M.... appointed in that capacity by Sir George Grey, Governor-in-chief.

5th. Miss Newman has taken part of the house in which we reside for a School at 5/- a week to commence from this day (Monday).

11th. The Cow Hollyhock had a Bull calf this morning (Sunday), to be named ....

16th. An Entertainment Entitled The Rose, Thisl. and the Shamrock took place at Mr A. King's Auction Room, the weather has been very unfavorable consequently not more than fifty persons were present. N.B. This morning this Settlement was visited by an Hail Storm Some of the particles were of a very large size such as has not been seen in this country before by any European, this occurrance is worth recording. Friday.

19th. Monday. Mr Charles Brown, Store Keeper has announced his intention to be a Representative for the Town of New Plymouth, his principals are to be liberal , so says his address.

20th. I.T. Wicksteed Esqu. has posted his intention to become a Candidate for the Representation of Taranaki. I.T.W. says in his Address should he be elected and the principals he advocated not proving satisfactory by a Majority of his constitutants , he pledged himself to resign.

22nd. Mr Henry Scotland a Barrister, has declared his intention to become a Candidate for the District of Taranaki. His address is strongly worded, his principals are to lessen the Government expenditure.

24th. Saturday. Another Candidate has came forward in the person of ..... Richmond. He is little known at present, no address has appeared at this date. He intends to vote for more land, and to remind the Governor of his promise in sending Pensioners to New Plymouth.

25th. Sunday. The Barque "Creswell" arrived at New Plymouth this morning, she leaves three passengers and 100 Tons of Cargo. The first painting ever done in New Plymouth appeard on the notice board on the Huatoki Bridge representing the N.C. address of I.T. Wicksteed Esqu. noticed by me on the 20th Instant. Mr McLean, late Inspector of Police, is now here to settle some Maori disputes about Land.

29th. The "Cresswell" sailed from New Plymouth this afternoon for Auckland. She had a very fine time while here. This Barque was here in the Month of April 1851. Captain Williams. Thursday.

31st. Saturday. Sowed the Onions in garden today. This is the last day for receiving claims to vote for candidates to represent the Town of N.P. and the district of Taranaki.

AUGUST.

4th. The first Newspaper ever published in New Plymouth bears this days date. Had 20 pounds of Captain King.

11th. Arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland, Son of the Marquiss of Salisbury, Lord Cecil, he is accompanied by a gentleman named Abrahams, a Barrister.

16th Monday. A Barque appeared in the offing this morning supposed to be the "Gwalier" from Auckland, the weather being so unfavorable that she could not be communicated with.

17th. The Surf is so high the Boats are not able to leave the Beach. A large Ship has appeared this morning in addition to the Barque seen yesterday.

18th. The Ship seen yesterday proves to be an American Whaler named .... The Barque proved to be the "Gwalier" spoken of on the 16th Inst. The Cow "Poley" had a Heifer calf this afternoon. The Sow had of Mr Standish farrowed today.

19th. Mr Ritchie succeeds to the situation held by Mr Standish, Clerk to the Magistrates.

22nd. The Cow "Kitty" had a heifer calf this evening to be named "Dairy Maid" (Sunday).

23rd. The Barque "Gwalier" left N.P. for Wellington.

30th. This day Monday, at 12 o'clock at noon the nomination of Candidates took place along side the Gaol wall in Devon Street N.P. on a platform erected for that purpose. The Candidates are I.T. Wicksteed Esqu., J.P., Henry Scotland Esqu., Barrister and Mr J. Richmond, relation of Mr Jn. Hursthouse, for the district of Taranaki. Mr Charles Brown store keeper, Currie Street for the Town. The returning Officer Josiah Flight Esqr., Resident Magistrate. I.T. Wickstead Esqr. proposed by Mr Greenwood of Omata, seconded by Mr Jno. Smith. Mr Scotland proposed by Mr Watt seconded by Mr Weston. Mr Richmond proposed by Mr Chilman seconded by Mr Thos. King. Mr C. Brown proposed by Mr Hulke seconded by Mr Newman. The first Candidate that presented himself was Mr Brown for the town of N.P. who was returned without opposition. The next was I.T. Wicksteed Esqr. J.P., then followed Mr Henry Scotland and third Mr C. Richmond. The returning Officer then put it to a show of hands when there appeared about a dozen for Richmond, Six for Scotland, and a Forest of hands for Wicksteed upon which the returning Officer declared the Election to have fallen upon Mr Wicksteed. Great and repeated cheers and a voice in the crowd call'd out "one Cheer more for the Lion of Taranaki Mr Wicksteed" which was accordingly given. The other two Candidates demanded a Poll. Mr Brown returned thanks in a neat speech for the honor conferred on him in his election onopposed for the Town of New Plymouth. A vote of thanks was then given to Mr Flight the Returning Officer. The meeting seperated.

31st. The Polling commenced this morning at nine o'clock. In about three hours nearly all had recorded their votes. Scotland and Richmond had no chance of success from the first, their friends perceiving it to be a hopeless case caused the Polling to lease when the proper Officer announced from the Hustings the state of the Poll.

For	Wicksteed	108
	Richmond	30
	Scotland	6

Mr Flight then stated that in consequence of the requisition of the Candidates, the polling was closed and that I.T. Wicksteed Esqu. was duly elected member of the Provincial Council for New Ulster. Mr W. returned thanks. . So did the unsuccesful Candidates. The congregating of the people passed off in a most orderly manner both today and yesterday.

SEPTEMBER.

3rd. The Cow "Moggy" had a Bull calf this day to be named ....
6th. The Cow "Dainty" had a Bull calf to day to be named ....
10th. The Cow "Primrose" had a Bull calf this day to be named ....
15th. Wednesday. A Meeting of subscribers to present Captain Henry King R.N., late Resident Magistrate with a piece of Plate took place at Mr A. King's Room this morning when it was carried by a majority of One that it should be a Tea Service and Salver. The Minority (Myself being one), wished it to be one piece a Massive Center Piece. The Resident Magistrate Josiah Flight Esqr. in the Chair.
28th. The Strewbery Cow calved today. Heifer.

OCTOBER.

1st. The Cow "Pink" had a Bull calf this day. A Ball took place at Mr A. King's Rooms on the 30th ult. Devon Street. Fanny, Susan, John and their Mother were present, a pleasant party.
8th. Friday. The Ship "Joseph Fletcher" arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland bearing 21 passengers. The weather is very fine at this time. A strong feeling exists at this time in New Plymouth for the Gold Mines at Melbourn, South Austrila. Many persons are on the Eve of leaving, some have left 7 in number, yesterday. Among the number a person named James Bayly, a farmer.
12th. Tuesday. A lecture was given in the Wesleyan Chapel, Courtney Street by the Revd. H.H. Turton on the Gold Diggings at Bathhurst, Adelaid, and Melbourn, recommending the people to remain at New Plymouth. The Lecture was a very clever one and gave great satisfaction.
13th. The Ship "Joseph Fletcher" left New Plymouth for China. This Ship is 900 Tons Register.
16th. Sold the Cow "Pink" to Mr Adams for the sum of thirteen pounds, her Calf also, a fortnight old.

NOVEMBER.

13th. Sent four Yearlings to William Harrison at Omata to graze (Saturday)
14th. The Cow "Tortoise" had a Bull calf this morning (Sunday).
15th. Monday. Transplanted the Maryold Wurtzel at the Farm today. Carpenters put up the Privy at the farm also.
20th. Sold a Lamb to Mr Skinner, it weighed 60 pounds, Skinner to return a Ewe lamb for it.
29th. Sold the Wether Sheep "Lord Lovel" to Rundle, it weighed 83 lbs. at 5d. £1.14.7

DECEMBER.

2nd. The Barque "Saint Michael" arrived at New Plymouth from England direct. She leaves with us passengers. She has experienced a very unfavorable time being very boisterous.
6th. John had today of Skinner two Ewe Lambs, the latter to have another from the farm as per agreement. N.B. See 20th November. The Heifer "Dinah" calved on the 30th November Heifer calf. H.M. Brig "Phantome" arrived at N.P. and left the same day.
19th. The "St. Michael" left N.P. for Auckland (Sunday).
31st. Sold a Calf to Mr George Lethbridge, it weighted 72 pounds at 5d. £1.10.0.

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JANUARY.

1st. Saturday. A severe shock of an Earthquake took place at N.P. about half past eight this evening. Several chimney's were thrown down , ours among the number in Courtney Street was deemed advisable to be taken down. No lives were lost.

13th. A Subscription Ball came off at Mr Curtis's Store in Brougham St. Tickets 7s and 4s. Very well attended by all the respectable persons. Mrs Newland, Fanny and Susan were present.

21st. Friday. Sold a fat Cow ("Poley") to Mr George Lethbridge, Butcher, N.P. Weight 545 at 3½d. £7.18.11½.

23rd. Sunday. The Bishop arrived at N.P. overland from Auckland. The Bishop held a confirmation at St. Mary's Church N.P. this afternoon at half past 3 o'clock. His Lordship gave an admirable address to the Children. John was one of the number confirmed.

26th. The Duke of Wellington died at Walmer Castle on the 14th Of Sepr. last by epileptic fits. This great warrior was designated the "Iron Duke", he was in his 84th year. This date brings the news from Sydney. The Bishop took his departure for Wellington last Monday 24th Inst.

27th. The Influenza is very prevelant here N.P. at this time, a great many persons Ill.

FEBRUARY.

7th. Mr William Halse has this day taken away his Bull Calf from the Farm, and placed him at Mr Charles Davy's, his Cow Alice also.

16th. Mr James Buckland, Tailor of this place (N.P.), was found in the Waitara River, but for the clothes, his body would not be identified, consequently the corpse was in a dreadful state of decomposition. He was missing from the Settlement near three weeks.

28th. Monday. Sent the Cow "Tortoise" to fatten at Mr Powel's. Had a large harrow Pig from the farm to fatten.

MARCH.

18th. Sold a Wether Sheep to I. Rundle Butcher. It weighed 86 pounds at 5d. £1.17.7½.

26th. Sold to the Revd. G. Bayly Omata, four Calves two of each kind for 3 pounds each. They were paid for this day.

APRIL.

5th. 49 Town Sections were this day put to Auction by the Sub Treasurer Josiah Flight Esq., Resident Magistrate. 34 of that number were Sold making a sum total of 588.15.0 five hundred and eighty eight pounds fifteen shillings.

7th. The first Donkey brought to N.P. from two fold Bay by Mr Imlay (a She Ass).

19th. The Barque "Tasmania" arrived at New Plymouth from Wellington.

24th. There is at this time laying in our Roadstead "Tasmania", "Camilla" "Sea Bird". "Sea Belle" and "Sisters", 1 Brigantine, 3 Schooners.

27th. The Barque "Tasmania" left New Plymouth for Sydney. The Camilla left yesterday for Melbourn.

30th. Sold Mr Henry Halse 10 Bushels Rye Grass seed at 8d, 21 lb Clover seed at 2/-.

MAY. Nil.

JUNE.

10th. The Cow "Carryms" had a Heifer Calf this day.

13th. Mr Homyer has taken four Sheep to the farm to do pasture.

15th. The Barque "Tory" arrived here for the purpose of taking a cargo of Potatoes and other vegetables for the Melbourne market.

24th. The Cow Hollyhock had a Bull calf this day.

JULY.

2nd. The "Tory" left N.P. for Melbourn with produce valued at 2000£. She took 200 tons Potatoes at 5£ per ton.

6th. The Ship "Cashmere" arrived here from Auckland.

11th. The "Cashmere" left New Plymouth for Batavia. Mr John Smith, an intimate friend of my family departed this life in his 51 year, his hight was 5 ft. 4 In. and stout with all. Monday.

15th. This day will long be spoken of in New Plymouth being the Nomination for a Superintendant for the District of New Plymouth. There were three Candidates for the Office, Viz. J.T. Wicksteed, C. Brown and W. Halse Esqr. Weather very bad.

16th. Saturday. The Polling commenced this day at 9 o'clock and closed at 4 o'clock. The contest was carried on with great spirit, at the close of the Poll the numbers stood for Mr C. Brown 173, Mr W. Halse 138, Mr T.T. Wicksteed 12. The former Gentleman was duly elected. Weather still bad.

18th. The funeral of Mr John Smith was this day attended by all the respectable people in New Plymouth. Never was a funeral so numerously attended in N.P. before.

AUGUST.

6th. The Barque "Simlah" arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland.

11th. "Simlah" left New Plymouth.

16th. "Sir Edward Paget" arrived at N.P. from Auckland. The Cow "Kitty" calved on the 24th July. Bull calf. The Cow "Primrose" calved on the 7th Instant Bull calf.

25th. "Sir Edward Paget" left New Plymouth.

26th. Friday. The Barque "Cresswell" arrived at New Plymouth direct from England having .... Immigrants for N.P. This day at 12 o'clock at noon was set apart for the Nomination of three candidates for the following Districts. The Town of New Plymouth, the Gray & Bell, and the Omata. Mr F.U. Gledhill Store Kepper, for the Town without opposition. Mr Crompton Schoolmaster, for the Omata District. No opposition. Mr Thomas Hirst and Mr Thomas King for the Gray & Bell. The last named were apponents to each other. The show of hands were in favor of Mr King. Mr Hirst came foreward and demanded a Poll which will take place tommorrow at the Police Office.

27th. At 4 o'clock this day the cnadidates Mr Thomas King for the Gray & Bell. Mr Gledhill for the Town. Mr Crompton for the Omata district were announced as duly returned for the House of Representatives.

SEPTEMBER.

4th. The Barque "Creswell" left N.P. for Auckland. She had a fine time while here, this is the second time of her being at N.P. Her first voyage in April 1851, 2nd July 1852.

5th. The Cow "Dainty" had a heifer calf today. The Heifer "Phoebe" had a Heifer calf also (Sunday).

10th. Saturday. A Brigg from Sydney named .... arrived in the road-stead with sheep 700 in number but could not be spoken with but by Signal, the weather being very boisterous and apprehensive we entertained for her savety. She hung out till Monday and then went off.

14th. Wednesday. The "Mount Egmont Lodge" of free and accepted Masons was duly established by Dispanctation from the Aro Lodge Auckland No.... I was unanimously elected its first Master. Mr William Black (Baker) Senior, Warden, Mr Alexander King Junior Warden (Auctioneer).

16th. The first Council met this day at the Court House 11 o'clock. The weather has been very unsettled since last Saturday this 10th. Wind very strong from S.W., heavy rain and hail storms with lightning and thunder.

17th. The Ship "Joseph Fletcher" arrived here direct from England bringing Immigrants. She left for Auckland on Monday 26th instant.

OCTOBER.

5th. Mr John Watson 15 pounds. Paid. Mr St. George had 3½ cwt. Carrots at 3/-.

NOVEMBER.

1st. Mr Gaine left New Plymouth for England in the Schooner "Rose Bud "

26th. Purchased 100 acres of Land from the Government for 50£ or 10/- and Acre, being the upset price of Land at this time for Government land. Saturday.
28th. Bought 50 acres for the same price (10/-) per acre 25£ adjoining the above stated 100 acres. The Ship "John Taylor" arrived here. She bears 16 passengers.
29th. The "John Taylor" left N.P. this evening.

DECEMBER.

1st. Went to see the Land this day with John and feel quite satisfied with its appearance. From what I saw the Bush seems very light and easy to clear.
7th. John and 8 Maories began to clear the Bush lately bought this day.
27th. Sold the Heifer Phoebe to Mr Shaw of Omata for 12£10s.

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JANUARY.

14th. Bought a Filly Foal of Mr R. Rundle for 25 pounds to be delivered when 4 months old. She is 5 weeks old this day Saturday Jan. 14th.

FEBRUARY.

3rd. The "Hem a Mitchell" Barque" arrived at New Plymouth from Auckland.
5th. The Mitchell left N.P. this day having had a very fine time while here. This Barque has brought Mr McLean, the Land Comr.
18th. John with two Maories set fire to the Bush (Saturday).

MARCH.

31st. Resigned my situation as Gaoler for the Province of New Plymouth - after a term of twelve years. The term at the Farm terminates about this time, it consists of about 28 acres, the Rent 18 pounds a year. We had it for 3 years, the property of Mr William King.

APRIL.

1st. The Filly Foal brought home today, cost 25 pounds, four months old. The Taranaki Races came off on the 30th and 31st Ultimo. in the hill called "Maori lot Hill". It was a very tolerable affair, the weather fine.
26th. The Ship "Lady Clarke" left N.P. for Java. This evening a Concert was given at M.A. King's Room. Tickets 5/- and 2/- each, it was well attended. The following evening 27th a Theatrical performance took place at the same place and was repeated the following evening. These amusements were patronised by the Mount Egmont Lodge of free and accepted Masons of which I am the Worshipful Master.

MAY.

8th. The Cow Hollyhock calved this day (Bull calf).
16th. Monday. Mr Henry Lloyd has this day taken the appartments lately occupyed by Miss Newman at 7/- per week - until the 24th day of June.
20th. The Filly taken to Mr Lawson to graze at 1/6 per week.
21st. Sunday. The Steam Vessel "Nelson" arrived here for the purpose of taking the Members to the first Representative Council at Auckland. She did not make any stay but left the same night. - taking Mr Crompton for Omata, Mr Thomas King for the Gray and Bill district and Mr F.U. Gledhill for the Town of New Plymouth.
27th. Mr Lawson (Bush) had this morning 13 oz onion seed for which my charge is 1.6.0£ being 2/- per oz.
30th. The "Nelson" Steamer returned from Auckland this morning. She made a very Stay and left for Nelson.

17th. The Ship "Eclipse" arrived at N.P. direct from England.

JULY.

10th. The Steam Vessel "Nelson" arrived at N.P. from Auckland. She left for Nelson same day.

12th. A service of plate (Tea) was presented to Captain Henry King R.N. for his having been Resident Magistrate. He filled the situation eleven years. The service of Plate cost 50 pounds.

14th. Sold Mr Richmond 1 Ton of Carrots at 5 pounds per Ton.

30th. The Favorite Cow "Primrose" died this morning having been found in a swamp at our late Farm supposed to have been in it three days and nights. The News arrived at N.P. that the Russian fleet were destroyed and Odessa taken by the English and French combined fleets.

SEPTEMBER.

The Cows Dainty and Kitty had Calves, the former a Heifer, the latter a Bull.

DECEMBER.

8th. The Heifer Dairy Maid calved on Friday, a Heifer calf. On the first of this month the Cow was taken to Omata.

---- 1855. ----

MARCH.

25th. The whole of our family went to the Bush Farm for a continuance, let the Town House to Mr Lawson and Mr Lloyd, situate in Courtney St. N.B. On the 7th day of the present month had of the Revd. Mr Bayly 150 at ten per Centum per Annum.

25th. Had of Mr John Watson 150 at ten per Centum per Annum. Settled.

AUGUST.

15th. The Bishop came here over land from Auckland. He has lately returned from England. This Settlement is in a state of great excitement in consequence of the Natives being in a State of Warfare. Soldiers are expected every hour from Auckland and Wellington.

19th. Sunday. The "Duke of Portland" arrived at New Plymouth this day (Sunday), having Troops on board. She landed 150 of the 58th Regt. at 7 o'clock p.m. This Ship is engaged to bring other Troops from Wellington, the first named Troops were forwarded from Auckland. The above named ship brought a new Wc. from Auckland price 2 pounds 2 shillings, a very good article.

SEPTEMBER.

6th. The Duke of Portland arrived from Wellington bringing 200 rank and file of the 65 Regiment with their Officers.

OCTOBER.

7th. The Cow "Kitty" calved (Bull) this day Sunday.
The Bishop has sent a printed Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church relative to his views on the Land Question and the disturbances now existing among the Maories. The epistle is not approved of by many.

25th. This evening 7 hour 6 m. p.m. the Moon rose a Total Eclipse. She was at her full. The Phenomenon was one hour and quarter passing over her face. N.B. The evening was particularly fine.

27th. The New Governor Colonel Thos. Gore Browne came to N.P. from Auckland in the steamer "Zingari" Screw Ship.

NOVEMBER.

10th. Election for Omata, Mr A. East was returned for the House of Represnetatives 5 Majority over his oponant Mr Crompton.

DECEMBER.

23rd. 120 of the 58th Regt. embarked this day for Auckland.

---- 1856. ----

FEBRUARY.

7th. The "Zingari" Steamer arrived from Nelson having on board the Governor and Suite (Tuesday). Great preperations were making for His Excellency's reception, which had been long looked forward to and Theatrical entertainments and a ball were arranged to come off during his Stay, but these demonstrations were destined to be frustrated. His Excelleeny desirous of hastening his return to Auckland declined landing, and after an hour's stay in the roadstead the Steamar proceeded on her way to Manukau Harbor.

8th. Friday. His Excellency was pleased to appoint this day Friday the 8th. instant a Public Holiday in the Province of New Plymouth, in celebration of the Glorious News of the fall of Sebastapol and its occupation by the Allied forces, and at 12 o'clock 101 Guns were fired from Marsland Hill.

14th, 15th, 16th, 17th. The Weather has been very unfavorable for the harvest, having had four successive days Rain and five Nights. Much wheat was injured, and a great deal spoilt.

MARCH.

10th. Set fire to the cut down Bush this afternoon ½ past 1 o'clock, dear little Helen first set the torch to it, she is in her 5th year.

APRIL.

17th. Sold the House and Section on which it is situated also the Section adjoining, one in Courtney Street, the other at the corner of Lairdet Street and Courtney Street. This property purchased by the Methodist Society for the sum of 500 pounds. A Methodist Chapel is now erecting on the Lairdet St. Section.

JULY.

20th. Sunday. Three young men named Brind and Ronalds (the latter were brothers) dined with us and left to go home, the distance about half a Mile. Altho' the distance was short they could not find their way. Soon after 6 o'clock we heard voices in the bush and were answer'd by 5 discharges of the Gun, they returned to our house about half past 9 o'c, they left at half past four.

AUGUST.

5th. Planted 12 Gum Trees on the hill, 1 by George and one by his sister Nelly.

9th. Sowed oats for green food for the Cattle.

NOVEMBER.

22nd. The Lord Bishop of N.Z. Arrived at N.P. on Saturday, performed Service in St. Mary's Church following day. Name of craft Southern cross.

DECEMBER.

27th. St. John the Evangilist Day. Appointed and Installed the Worshipful Master of the "Mount Egmont Lodge" for the fourth time. This

Lodge up to this day has been held by Dispensation by Kind permission of the "Aro Lodge" Auckland, who holds its Warrant under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We having received a a Warrant or Constitution from the Grand Lodge of England do henceforth and from this date subject ourselves to its authority, and distinguish ourselves as Antient free and accepted Masons of the "United Grand Lodge of England" No. 968. We hold our meetings at the Masonic Hotel, Devon Street on the first Wednesday in every Month.

---- 1857. ----

JANUARY.

13th. This day (Tuesday) is appointed to nominate a proper person to fill the situation of Superintendent for the Province of N. Plymouth. Two candidates were put in nomination, the present Superintendant Mr C. Brown and Mr George Cutfield.

14th. A very stiring contest took place today, the former gentleman gave up at 2 o'clock. The returning Officer Josiah Flight Esq. soon after appeared on the hustings and declared George Cutfield Esq. duly elected, the numbers were for Mr C. 149, for Mr Brown 89.

Members for the Town of N.P.	I.N. Watt	Js. C. Sharland
	R. Parris	F.U. Gledhill.
Members for the Grey and Bell	R. Parris, Hulke, Bayly, Atkinson, Richmond, King, P. Elliott.	
Members for Omata.	R. Brown	W.C. King
	Greenwood	Wood.

FEBRUARY.

20th. The Revd. Henry Govett left N.P. in the "Zingari" steamer for Wellington on his way to England.

24th. Fanny, now Mrs Leatham, confined this morning about 3 o'clock a.m. of a Son.

MARCH.

27th. Burnt the Bush 10 acres, a very indifferant one, no Wind.

APRIL.

5th. Fanny's Infant Baptized this day (Sunday) Palm Sunday. Name Henry Blackbrum.

12th. John's favorite horse "Fidget" was seriously injured this day Easter Sunday by the falling of a tree that had been half burnt through. It lingered till Saturday morning and was reluctantly obliged to shoot it.

20th. Exchanged the Cow "Nenia" with Mr Dingle for 10 Ewes.

MAY.

21st. The sum entered in this Book dated 25th March 1855 borrow'd of Mr John Watson (130 pounds) was settled most satisfactorily. J.N. The "Taranaki Herald" announces May 30th that the King of Hanover (Prince George of Cumberland) was received into the order of Free Masons on the 14th January by the "Black Bear Lodge" at the Palace in Hanover. His Majesty at once passed through the three degrees and accepted the dignity of Grand Master of all the Hanoverian Lodges. His Majesty is the first continential crowned head who ever joined the Order. The "Taranaki News" first published, its principals are in opposition to the Government.

JUNE.

18th. Had of Mr Richard Brown 3 Bushels wheat to be paid for in the produce of this sample - also 1 Bushel of Oats Do. This seed has brought from Whanganui. 10/- per Bus.

24th. Sowed the wheat in the clearing South West of the house - chipped in by Self, John, William, Leatham, C. Kingdon, J. Crompton and J. Brind 1 day each. Acres.

30th. At a meeting held at the Resident Magistrate's court house, New Plymo. a Rate of 9d. an Acre was carried for repairs of Roads in this district called 5th on Frankley Road district, being named after the Frankley Farm.

AUGUST.

17th. This being Henry's birth day 15th year, him and his Brother William accompanied by Charles Messenger a neighbour, went into the Bush and were succesful in catching a very fine Hogg (not a Boar) which they brought to Frankley, weighing 190 lbs., the fat on inside after being melted weighed 9 lbs. This is the finest Pig that has been taken in this neighbourhood.

26th. Wednesday. Planted three Walnut Trees in front of house. They are at this time about a foot in height, the one nearest the Mountain was planted by dear Little Nelly, probably she may remember the circumstances at some future period. The middle one, may also be remembered by George in after time. My-Self and John Superintended the Three.

SEPTEMBER.

20th. Sunday. John embarked from New Plymouth on board the Schooner "Jean Peatra" for the Gold Diggins, Nelson in company with some 20 others of this settlement.

DECEMBER.

3rd. The Mare foaled this morning, the foal received an injury from the Mother or from running across a stump in clearing. It died on the 6th. Sunday. On this 1st day of this month we were visited by a very strong S.E. wind which did great damage to the crops, and a great number of Trees were blown down. In N.P. an Iron Store was completely blown from off its stone foundation belonging to Mr Isaac Newton Watt, Merchant.

---- 1858. ----

JANUARY.

21st. Attended a Concert given in aid of the "Taranaki Institute" which was very well attended 250 T. having been sold. The performance went off well and was well received. I sang two songs "My pretty Jane", "Oh! tis the Melody" and part in the "Witches Glee".

FEBRUARY.

18th. The Bishop of New Zealand Doc. Selwyn arrived at New Plymo. in his Schooner "Southern Cross". He went to see the Vagabond Maories, he declares them to be as bad if not worse than when he first visited them in the year 1841. He read a proclamation to them from the Governor Col. Gore Browne which informs the Natives that they are not allowed to carry Arms through the Town of New Plymouth and other parts of the European Teritory.

MARCH.

12th. The New Plymouth Batallion of Militia were embodied this day and sworn in accordingly, in number 300 they assembled in Mount Eliot at eleven o'ck a.m., they are to be commanded by Major Yeedon Lloyd. The reason why the Militia is embodied is in consequence of disturbed state of the Natives at the Bell Block, and the Waitara.

JULY.

15th. Susan married at St. Mary's Church N.P. by the Rev. Lally.

OCTOBER.

20th. A Comet appeared in the South West, the tail towards west.

NOVEMBER.

2nd. This day about 4 o'clock p.m. two young Boars were caught in the clearing about a Gunshot from the house by Henry assisted by George, their weight ..... pounds. The weather very whet all the day, so much so that we were drenched to the skin. No on at home by my Self and the two Boys, the other part of the family in town. On Sunday last Fanny's Infant Babtized at St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth. Name Eliza, Francis 31st. Sept.

DECEMBER.

17th. Supreme Court, this Court was opened this day at ten o'clock by his Honor Chief Justice Arney for the dispatch of criminal business this being the first time a Judge ever sat in New Plymouth. Thomas Jones and William Lucas were indited for rape, and for burglary in December last. Both prisoners belong to 65 Regt. of the line 300 of that Regt. are now in N.P. Barracks. The prosecuter is named Ashton a very old woman near 70 years old, the trial is likely to last seven days.

18th. This Trial closed this day Saturday. The Prisoners were found guilty and sentenced to 15 years penal servitude. No other cases were tried.

---- 1859. ----

FEBRUARY.

21st. John returned from the Diggins in the Steam Ship "Prince Alfred". His adventure was unsuccesful. He has been absent one Year and five months.

APRIL.

28th. Susan's Infant born.

JULY.

3rd. Babtized at St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, name Marian Susan.

AUGUST.

4th. Thursday. Susan and her Husband left New Plymouth for Sydney and from thence to Calcutta in the Schooner "Kate Verney". Dixon commander,

13th. Had of the Revd. Mr Brown for twelve months at eleven per Centum per Annum 30 pounds. N.B. This business settled Sep. 5th 1863.

18th. The Waiwakaiho Bridge was opened this day and a public Luncehon took place on the Bridge to commemorate the completion of the same. His Honor the Superintendant George Cutfield Esqr. in the chair, tickets 2/6 each. This Bridge is built entirly of Puriry timber the cost ..... pounds, the approaches ..... pounds.

19th. The weather has been particularly fine up to this date, no rain has fallen during weeks,to day it visited us, every one is delighted in consequence, the grass is quite parched.

SEPTEMBER.

7th. Borrowed of Mr Watson 15 pounds. N.B. This amount settled this 17th day August 1863.

---- 1860. ----

FEBRUARY.

22nd. Martial Law was proclaimed in New Plymouth this day in consequense of a Native chief named William King being unwilling to sell land to the Govt. The Governor Co. Thomas Gore Browne C.B. had caused the land commissioner Mr Parris to negoeiate with a Maori named Taylor for a piece of land about five or six hundred acres. Altho' this land is the sole property of Taylor, King would not consent to his selling it to the Government. This land is situate at the enterence of Waitara River. The Surveyors went to Waitara this morning to mark out the land, they were opposed by the Maories throwing the chain a side. Surveyor's name is (1) C. Carrington. Surveyors again went to Waitara to resume their duties supported by 200 65 Regt. They were more succesful and the soldiers encamped on the land.

MARCH.

24th. An attack was made on the Maori Pah this day by the troops one Soldier killed. The Pah was taken but all the Rebels escaped. This engagement has justly merited the disapprobation of the inhabitants of N.P. and all the other settlements.

26th. Early this morning (Sunday), about day break ..... of 65 Regt. arrived at Rhatipiphi (this word I am afraid is not spelt correct), accompanied by a party of the Militia and Voluntary as a report has reached the town of a number of Rebels collected there and purpose to attack N.P. A few were seen but nothing done. John and Wm. were among the number being in the Volunteers. The above land belongs to a Maori named Manapi.

27th. Horrible news reached the town this morning that Mr Samuel Ford Sadler, H. Pasmore farmer, S. Shaw farmer and two lads named Pete, and Parker, about 12 or 14 years of age, had been shot at and dreadfully mutilated and murdered which proved to be true. They were all brought to the Military Hospital and underwent a Coroners inquest.

28th. This day will be remembered in New Plymouth as long as an Englishman resides in it. A very rebellious tribe named Ngatiruanui about 600, had errected a Pah on Waireka hill. A depatch of Volunteers and Militia had marched for the purpose of escorting the Revd. Mr Brown who had not come in as others had done from his residence Brookwood, very near Waireka where they discovered these Southern rebels, a Battle took place where the Volunteers more particularly distinguished themselves for their bravery. About 200 of the 65 Regt. were also there but did little or nothing more than at Waitara. The Rifles or Volunteers has the honor in this Battle assisted by the Militia in killing 17 Native chiefs and many others fell with them the exact number not known. John and William were again in the midst of it. 1 Sergeant of Militia killed, 3 privates wounded . Lieut. and 4 privates Volunteers wounded.

JUNE.

27th. Up to this date all is suspence as to the intentions of the Government.

28th. An attack was made yesterday on the Rebels Pah by the Artillery and .... of the 40th Regt. under the command of Major Nelson at Waitara "the Proclamation states the 29 were killed and 33 wounded and that on the side of the enemy very great".

JULY.

Nothing of consequence being done.

AUGUST.

4th. Corbyn Harris shot by the Rebels at Waitara being at the time gathering firewood for the troops who are encamped there, he was shot on the Beach. Major General Pratt arrived at New Plymouth in the colonal Man of War "Victoria" to take the command of the troops, he came from Melbourn. John Hurford, a farmer, murdered in the neighbourhood of Frankley by the Rebels. A soldier also belonging to the Artillery.

22nd. Mr Richard Brown died at the Waitara.

26th. Mr Richard Brown interred in St. Mary's Church yard. evrry honor the Military and Naval authorities could give. The Freemasons followed in full Masonic costume Myself being the Master. All the troops that could be spared from duty were present. The Body was taken on a Gun carriage drawn by 35 Blue Jackets from the "Iris" "Pelorus", "Cordelia" , and "Victoria". Three Bands were present belonging to the 40th Regt. 65th Regt. and Volunteers alternately played the dead March in "Saul", the former is of the first sort. The weather was very whet.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER.

Many unsuccesful expeditions North and South, Col. Gold (now Major Gen.) left N.P. for Auckland, not at all regretted.

NOVEMBER.

6th. This morning at 4 o'clock all was in motion for departure North, to attack the Rebel Pah "Mahoetahi" which after one hour and half was nobly taken by the Volunteers and 65th. The 12th and 40th were there also, their services were in reserve and no doubt would have done their duty. Our losses were 4 killed, 2 Volunteers and 2 privates 65th, one of the former a lad 15 years old only, he was very brave and daring, son of the Revd. Mr Brown. The other named Edgcombe, son of W. Edgcombe farmer, 20 years old only. Rebels killed 47. Prisoners brought into Town were 4, three died in hospital. 3 dead chiefs were brought from the battle field, they were buried in the Church yard 6 in number John, William, and Henry were in the hottest of the Battle.

7th. The funeral of those who fell took place this afternoon 2 o'clock. An imposing procession indeed, the town was in a state of gloom. The Regimental Band's were in attendance as on Mr Brown's funeral. This day will long be rembered in New Plymouth.

19th. Mr Jno. Hursthouse a very particular friend of mine, was buried to day in the Primitive Methodist burial ground about 3 miles from New Plymouth named Hurdon, he died through excess of drinking. Died on 17th. N.B. An escort of Volunteers and Militia was consideered necessary in consequence of the Rebels being in the neighbourhood. The poetry of the Taranaki long is his production "The passing moments".

DECEMBER.

29th. The Troops with General Pratt at their head, were again succesful in attacking Maharikoriko. Killed ..... Wounded .....

---- 1851. ----

JANUARY.

14th. Another attack took place this morning in addition to the 40th Btl. and 12th Regt. About 200 of the 14th has arrived from Auckland and taken the field. Tremedous firing was heard in town, the result has been nothing more than taking up a position in advance and in front of the Rebels about 600 yards. No casulties in our side, the name of the Redoubt is Kairau. The natives have their rifle pits along the edge of the Hurangi bush and across the road leading to the peach grove, about one mile and a quarter in length. The Rebels kept up casual firing but were

silenced by the well directed firing of the Artillery an the position Kept.

23rd. This will be kept as a Red letter day most certainly. The Troops with General Pratt and staff at their head were attack'd by the Rebel Marries in the advanced position they had made some days before - and were gallantly repulsed with. Great loss on the part of the Rebels. Killed .... wounded.... A small body of 60 or 80 Natives undertook the actual actual assault covered by a very strong reserve - upwards of 300 men stood by to watch correct or assist the daring attempt. It is asserted that soon after 2 o'clock the stealthy movement that was to ensure a perfect surprise commenced cutting steps in the bank after they had dropt into the ditch of the Redoubt. A shot was fired which gave the alarm, the Troops mustered with great precision and looking over the parapit were saluted by a shower of balls from the above reserve which prevented the garrison from attacking those in the ditch. The expedient of throwing live shell was adopted with terrible effect. The conflict was short, sharp and decisive, it commenced at 20 minutes past 3 and at 4 the repulse was every where complete. The result 43 dead and two prisoners deperately wounded. Lt. Jackson 40 Regt. Killed and five others, we have also to lement some 15 or 16 wounded - Many - dangerously. Three hundred and thirty of all ranks of the 57 Regt. arrived to day, they were landed in the course of the night. This division of the Regt. came from India, 4 hundred more are to follow and are expected every day being much wanted. The Alarm Bugle was sounded in and throughout the Town this evening about nine o'clock, a scene of confusion was the consequence, Women and children hastening in every direction for safety to Marsland Hill, Church, Methodist Chapel and Block house near the Beach. Every Soldier, Militia man, and Volunteer in the Town was under Arms. About half past ten orders were given for every one to return to their quarters (for homes they have not). The remainder of the night passed quietly. Myself Mother and Nelly retired to the Barracks on Marsland Hill during the Alarm. The division of the 57 were landed soon after midnight, the Moon shining delightfully, they came Via Auckland. Capn. Cracroft of the "Niger" which is now in the roadstead attempted a landing for the purpose of surprising the Rebels who are in large numbers on the late battlefield of Wairike. Cap. C. Cook with him in four boats 130 men from that noble steam ship who distinguished themselves so much on 28th March last, they could not find a landing place and if so there was too much surf. After many hours toil returned to the ship. This attempt was made on the night of 22nd.

27th. Recd. a letter from Susan, India dated 9th Nov. News arrived 4000 troops may be expected from India and China, also 250 Artillery men from Wolwich with the newly invented "Armstrong" Guns, people are disposed to be a little more chearful.

29th. John has gone to Waitara in the "Tasmanian Maid" Steamer being engaged in the Commission department.

FEBRUARY.

8th. Mr William Cutfield King killed on hiw own land by (Woodleigh) the rebels, he was unfartunatly too often in the habit of going there alone and unarmed when he fell a victim to Maori vengence in sight of the Soldiers on the hill called Marsland Hill where the Barracks now are. He was pierced by 6 bullets three thro' his head - two thro' his body - one thro his thigh, he was the Son of Cap. Henry King R.N. Brooklands, near N. Plymouth.

10th. Sunday. The unfortunate Gentleman was Captain in the New Plymo. Militia, he was buried to day in St. Marys Church yard this day Sunday ½ past 4 P.M. A very large attendance of the settlers followed, every thing conducted in the most private manner, no Military display. - his age is 32 years - he was elected a member of the Legislation Council about ... months ago. The Troops have been engaged since 6 o'clock this morning till 5 this evening, heavy firing was heard at Waitara. General Pratt had resolved on constructing a Redoubt about a mile in advance of the peach grove.

A force consisting of about 1200 men of the 12th, 40th and 65th Regiments and Artillery, with the Royal Engineers, advanced at day break this morning and was met by the rebels who were ensconced in their pits. The rifles however were constantly in readiness to fire into the enemy when seen. The Natives were full of determination, and at times came within speaking distance inviting our men to come on who replied by recommending them to stand out, several old women were vociferous in encouraging the enemy. The Troops took possession of their advance. Our was one Officer Cap. Strange 65th Reg. Killed, the bullet entering the fomoral artery of the thigh and causing death by hemorrhage, he was universally respected by the civilians. Two Artillery men wounded, one of 40 Reg. three 65 Reg. one Militia. The rebels have loss'd 17 killed. There is much illness in New Plymouth at this time and many deaths have occurred indepenent of the War.

10th. Sent a letter to Susan in India.

13th. Mr Thomas King came to board with us this day Wednesday.

14th. Families North of the Town were much exited this evening in consequence of firing being heard near the Henui Bridge. On enquiring the following morning the cause proved to be that six of what are called friendly Maories went over to the rebels. We all went within the Trenches.

15th. All tolerably quiet to day and to night. Slept within the Trenches.

16th. Slept outside the Trenches, much as yesterday no excitement.

17th. (Sunday) A wet day - slept outside the Trenches, a few shots heard about mid night.

18th. The "Cordealea" Man of War Steamer returned to her anchorage in Road Stead this morning - having gone off during the bad weather. This day tranquil. One shot fired about ten o'clock, the night passed off quietly after that time. Slept outside Trenches. William went to the Omata Stockade for a continuance .

19th. Henry went to Mr Hursthouse's farm, brought home peaches. Some 16 accompanied him being rather apprehensive that the Rebels Maories were in the neighbourhood. All are belonging to the Taranaki Volunteers Rifles. About five o'clock a large number of Rebels were fired at from Fort Gold. Mr Wm. Bayly's house at Blagdon farm was destroyed by them by fire. The night was tranquil. Slept outside Trenches.

20th. Surveyors obstructed in their work at Waitara 1860. Mr William Bayly's flour mill destroyed by the rebels this evening about 7 o'clock, named Blagdon Mill. Quiet night slept outside.

21st. Nothing particular occured to day. Slept outside Trenches.

22nd. Martial Law proclaimed in New Plymouth 1860. Slept outside Trenches.

23rd. Escort to Omata Stockade Soldiers, Militia, and Volunteers. Had a brush with the Maories at Whaleng-gate killed one wounded three. Four Soldiers wounded.

24th. Sunday, much firing heard at Waitara. Town peaceable, night quiet. Slept outside Trenches. Head Quarters of the 57th Regt. arrived from Auckland also their splendid Band. Mr Chilman's eldest son drown in Henui.

25th. Nothing of consequence to day.

26th. Maories took advantage of last night at Waitara, and filled in some say 150 yds. of Trenches.

27th. 28th. This morning Mr Thos. King's house was destroyed by the rebels.

MARCH.

1st, 2nd. Nothing particular has happened these two days.

3rd. Recd. a letter from Col. Brind C.B. A party of Rifles (Volunteers) went this morning Sunday, for the purpose of procuring peaches from the garden belonging to Capn. King at Brooklands, 14 in number Henry included, where they were fired upon by some twenty or twenty five of the Rebel Natives in ambush. The result was that an acquaintance of ours named Edward Messenger between 17 and 18 years of age was shot dead - he was an intimate friend of William and Henry. Wm. Smart another acquaintance was also shot in the shoulder, not at present considered dangerous, he is about the same age. Edward Messenger was considered the best shot in the Rifle Corps.

5th. Edward Messenger buried to day in a private manner in St. Mary's Church yard.

8th. Anniversary of leaving home (Frankley farm).

11th. Sent a letter to Co. Brind at Sydney dated 3rd inst. Also to Susan.

17th. Sunday, the booming of large guns were heard throughout the whole of the day at Waitara. One Officer Lt. McNaughton was killed while in the act of elevating a ten inch mortar. A shot from the Rebels passed through his wrist and went perfectly through his right breast, he was considered a very fine Solder and brave man belonging to the Royal Artillery. Some rifle pits were taken.

18th. The firing has been resumed to day - distinctly heard in Town. The Pah is expected to be taken by tomorrow night.

19th. The Maories have asked for a Truce, the white flag was hoisted and Mr McLean visited the rebels at Te Arei Pah.

21st. Major Gen. Pratt has granted it to day, there is a cessation of hostilities in consequence.

23rd. The inhabitants seem to be in better spirits than has been the case for many months past.

27th. The Governor arrived at Waitera to day, it is supposed for the purpose of inducing the Waikatoes to return home.

28th. Anniversary of the Battle of Waireki. The Ngaticuonuis and Taranakis have left Waireki, and gone South. These Tribes have been a source of great annoyance to us having threatened to attack the Town many times but never made the attempt. On hearing of McLean's arrival they took themselves off on Thursday 21st. They have fallen back on Kaihihi where they have halted. These wreaches have taken live stock, agricultural implements, and household property to an enormous amount, in addition to all this the destruction of property that could not be carried away has been wanton and complete houses have been burnt and even fencing destroyed up to the morning of their flight and after it had been decided upon.

30th. This day twenty years ago the first emigrant Ship that ever sailed for New Plymouth dropped anchor off Moturoa named "William Bryan". Her passengers housed themselves in a Shed built by one "Barrett" the whaler near the pa, and in tents along the coast from the Sugar Loaves to the Henui. To these people - (Many of whom still call this place their home) as they gazed on the symmetrical cone of Egmont, the luxuriant fern, where now are rich pastures, and the lovely copses of low delicate trees, such as now are found in the narrow valley of the Waiwakaiho river, the idea can hardly have occurred that twenty years would find many of them as houseless as on their first landing. At that date a hundred poor trembling creatures were all that represented the quarrelsome and once bold tribe of Ngatiawa; and these did welcome the settlers as protectors, and protectors they really were. The feebleness of Governor after Governor and the universal panic consequent on the Wairau Massacre, changed this scene of dependence in the returning fugitives into contempt, and now at the end of the twentieth year of the history of Taranaki, we have harvested the full fruit of that feebleness.

31st. 1860. Saw the first of our families leave for a place of greater safety security. We may hope that the tide has changed - that the long dreary ebb is at an end, and that not long hence, no place of greater security than Taranaki will be found on the surface of the Globe. Yesterday morning at 6 o'clock the "Airdale" Steamer dropped anchor with the January Mails, (English) and Major General Cameron and staff landed and proceeded to Waitara to take command of the Troops. He will superced Major General Pratt.

APRIL.

3rd. Wednesday. Major General Pratt C.B. sailed from Waitara for Melbourn in the "Victoria" Steamer. Major General Cameron C.B. takes command of the Troops.

8th. The Governor came to New Plymouth from Waitara this afternoon. He was accompanied by Mr Maclean, Mr Wild and the Attorney general Mr Whitaker. The Gov. was very cooly received by the Settlers, not one single voice was raised to welcome him in consequence of the terms offered to William King, the rebel and his tribe Ngatiawa. Sent a letter to Susan at Sydney dated 7th Inst.

9th. A public meeting of the settlers was convened to take into consideration the Governor's proposals to the Ngatiawa Tribe.

10th. A deputation waited on the Governor, his answer was tolerably well received by the meeting which assembled on Mr Eliot. Terms offered by the Governor to the Waitara insurgents. They are as follows:-

1. The investigation of the Title, and the survey of the land at Waitara to be continued and completed without interuption.
2. Every man to be permitted to state his claims without interuption, interference and my decision or the decision of such persons as I shall appoint, to be conclusive.
3. All the land in possession of her Majesty's forces belonging to those who have borne arms against her Majesty to be disposed of by me as I may think fit.
4. All guns belonging to the Government to be returned.
5. All plunder taken from the settlers to be forthwith returned.
6. The Ngatiawa who have borne arms against the government must submit to the Queen and to the authority of the Law and not resort to force for the redress of wrongs, real or imaginary.
7. As I did not use force for the acquisition of land, but for the vindication of the Law, and for the protection of Her Majesty's native subjects in the excercise of their just rights. I shall divide the land, which I have stated my intention to dispose of amongst its former owners, but I shall reserve the sites of the Block houses and redoubts and a small piece of land around each for the public use, and shall excercise the right of making roads through the Waitara district.

On your submission to these terms you will come under the protection of the Law and enjoy your property, both lands and goods, without malestation.

15th. The Governor took his departure from New Plymouth this morning in H.M. S.S. "Fawn" for Auckland.

26th. By the "Airdale" Mail Steamer this day we received the mournful intelligence of the death of poor James Brind, after a most lingering illness brought on by Sun Stroke and terminated in extreme paralyses. He died on the Ganges Conil on his way to New Plymouth 26th January. Susan his wife and child were accompany him, she is in great grief and will for the present time remain in India.
N.B. The fatal visitation happened at Deyrah Northwest Provinces, India, where he had a very good appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Government Tea plantation. The first of the Taranaki Refugees returned from Nelson in the Steamer "Airdale".

MAY.

3rd. Another vessel "Rela" brought a number again to day.

25th. Saturday. I visited Nelson in the "Airedale" Steamer, arrived the following day about 7 o'clock p.m. Found Fanny, Henry and all the children quite well.

JUNE.

25th. The Colours were presented to the Militia and Volunteers by the lady of Colonel Warre C.B. 57 Regt. which are garrisoning the Town of New Plymouth. She was elegantly dressed and read a very appropriate speech. It was responded to by Major Herbert belonging to the Militia and Volunteers of New Plymouth. A Ball took place in the evening at the Masonic Hotel.

23rd. Received a very kind letter from Col. Brind C.B. Horse Artillery, India. Also two from dear Susan, they all seem very well.

24th. Dined with the Bretheren of the "Southern Star Lodge" Nelson by request of the Lodge. A very handsome banquet was provided - brother Doctor Sealy M.D. the Worshipful Master.

25th. Tuesday. Left Nelson in the "Airdale" Steamer for the purpose of returning home to Taranaki, but the weather being so very boisterous we were obliged to pass it by and make for Manukau which port we did not reach till Saturday at 2 p.m. I was very ill independent of sea sickness.

JULY.

5th. Went to Auckland. Dined with Mr Dymond, went to the Legislative assembly, heard Mr W.C. Richmond's reply to the debate on Mr Fox's motion of want of confidence in the present Ministry. Stafford, W.C. Richmond, Weld and Whitaker. A division took place ayes 24, noes 23 so the motion was carried by a majority of 1 and Ministers have given in their resignation.

6th. Left Auckland to go on board the "Airedale" for Taranaki.

7th. We left the Manukau this morning Sunday for Taranaki which we reached on the following day about ten o'clock a.m.

15th. Examined before Mr Commissioner Sewel respecting compensation for losses sustained by the Rebels Marries.

20th. John returned from Mahoti (Saturday).

AUGUST.

8th. Bought a town section No. 857 near Mount McCormack. John Bought one also No. 871 of Mr John Lewthwaite. Both sections were regularly conveyed by Mr Standish and paid each £1.7.5.

10th. The "Airedale" Steamer brought the news that Sir George Grey, late Governor of New Zealand is to be Reappointed in the stead of Col. Gore Browne. Sir George comes from the Cape of Good Hope, he has been the Governor there up to the present time. Sent a letter to Co. Brind dated 4th Inst. also one to Susan.

12th. Handed to the Commissioner Mr Halse the necessary papers which will entitle myself and Jn. to receive a Crown Title to buy Town sections situate near Fort Stapp. The "Harrier" Man of War Steamer arrived at N.P. bringing about 120 of the 57 Regt. to join the head quarters which are at N.P. at this time commanded by Col. Warre C. B. Young Willcocks came to live with us on Sunday 11th Instant.

23rd. Brought in from Frankley farm 49 sheep and the cow Dairy maid which was branded thusJN, a Heifer belonging to Henry, also a Steer of Mr Lethbridge for 7 pounds. Sold him 15 Wethers and Dairy maid's calf, the former 19 pounds, the latter 1 pound. Sheep 47 were Branded in the presence of Mr Devenish. Lett Dairymaid to Mr Jolly at 2/6 per week. Sold him a Steer for 9 pounds ten shillings. On 23rd in addition to 49 sheep, 15 lambs were brought in town.

24th. William Took back to Frankley farm 34 Sheep and 15 Lambs marked thus JN on left side. N.B. We also marked an old Ram and a young one belonging to Mr William Collins who is now in Nelson.

SEPTEMBER.

9th. William left home for the diggings at ..... in the "Airedale" Steamer. Edward Wright, Wilson Hursthouse and Arthur Bayly accompanied him. Young Wilcocks left here for Fort Niger, a happy deliverance for the whole of the family.

10th. Planted potatoes in Mr Hulks land.

26th. Sir George Grey arrived in Auckland from the Cape of Good Hope. He comes to N.Z. as the Governor for the second time.

OCTOBER.

10th. The New Cemetery in this Settlement (n.P.) The first interment daughter of Mr Shephenson Smith aged ten years.

11th. Sent a letter to Col. Brind C.B. On the 2nd Instant Governor Gore Browne took his departure from New Zealand, he was universally respected. An address was presented to him from the inhabitants of New Plymouth signed by 626 persons.

11th. This day went to Frankley farm being my first visit since 8th March 1860, the appearance of the place is truly misserable. The Mare taken to Colson's.

13th. Mr Willcocks left us this day (Sunday).
16th. Sold a Heifer belonging to Mr Leatham to Mr Lethbridge for 8 pounds.
18th. Sold Mr Lethbridge three Steers for 39 pounds - one belongs to Wm. Sold for 12 pounds. Sold a Heifer to O. Spurdle belonging to Mr Leatham for 12 pounds. Spurdle has given a Bill at three months, due 21st January, 1862.
19th. Lett the Heifer "Holyhock" (color red and white) to Mr Jas. Wills for six months at 1/6 per week. We are to pay for her keep until she calves, the calf to be kept by Wills for 3 Mos. N.B. Hollyhock calved about 31st Inst.
Sent back to the bush William's white Heifer not being able to dispose of her. She has a calf by her side, about fortnight or three weeks old.
24th. New Cart had of O. Spurdle, price twenty pounds. Paid him 10 pounds on a/c.

NOVEMBER.

8th. The Bishop of New Zealand came to New Plymouth. He was very badly received in consequence of making himself so obnoctious to the policy of the Government.
9th. Mr Dymond returned from Auckland and is again living with us.
11th. The Bishop left New Plymouth. It is said he intends to go to Wellington over land. Some think he is using his influence with the Southern Tribes for the purpose of making peace.
19th. Sold a steer to Mr Lethbridge, Eight pounds ten shillings. John and Henry sheared the sheep at Frankley farm 35 in number, weight of wool 176 lbs at 8d. Sold to Mr Gledhill £5.17.4. Paid. O. Spurdle for the Cart 20£ on the 6th Inst.
24th. The Bishop of New Zealand returned from the South, he had intended to have gone to Wanganui. Report says he was detained a prisoner at .... for two days and had to get away in the night, the Natives say he told a falshood in saying he would return to N.P. having promised them, he went as far ..... within fifty miles of Wanganui and returned to N.P. this evening (Saturday).
29th. Received a letter from Susan, also from my Bro. William who is living in Adelaide, S. Australia, and my sister Sarah Kingsbridge, Devon. The Bishop of New Zealand took his departure for Auckland in the Mail Steamer "Prince Alfred"

DECEMBER.

8th. Sent a letter to Susan bearing this date.
10th. The Mail Steamer "Ld. Worsley" has brought the news from Auckland. The settlers are to receive compensation in part for the losses they have sustained in consequence of the rebelion of the Maories. The "Worsley" leaves for Nelson this evening with the Mail.
27th. Installed Worshipful Master of the "Mount Egmont Lodge". The meeting took place in a New Room in Devon Street erected by Mr Wm. Black. A Ball was given in the evening which was most respectable and very numerously attended being ..... in number. Col. Warre C.B, and Lady together with the Officers of the 57 Regt. now in garrison were present. Every thing went off to the great satisfaction of every one. The musicians were the Band of the 57 Reg. and the band belonging to the New Plymouth Militia. The Ball took place at the Masonic Hotel.

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JANUARY.

4th. Sent a letter to my Sister Sarah in Kingsbridge, Devon.

FEBRUARY.

14th. The Militia and Volunteers were disbanded to day, except fifty retained at the Omata stockade to receive 2/6 per diemand Rations. All others to be employed in road making if they chose at 4/- a day

without Rations. The arrangment has not given satisfaction, Henry has gone to the Omata Stockade as one of the 50 nominated.

MARCH.

4th. Mr Percy Bailey, and Brown, came to live with us.
10th. Sent a letter to Susan, Fanny, and William.
28th. Prince Albert's Death known in New Plymouth.

APRIL.

2nd, 3rd. Cart lent to W. Harrison.
4th. The same Cart hired by Thomas Hemmurten at 1 shilling a day.
5th. A salute of 42 guns were fired from the Garrison on Marsland Hill this morning (Saturday) minute time commencing at 12 o'clock, through the death of Prince Albert. The Garrison at this time is occupied by the 57th and 65th Regts. the former commanded by Colonel Warre C.B., the latter by Col. Wyatt. The flag is raised half mast and to continue so for ten days.
11th. The Cart lett to W. Harrison at 1 shilling per time.
14th. Ten days having terminated another salute of 42 guns discharged at the Garrison on Marsland Hill. N.B. Mr Joll gave up the Cow Dairy maide on the 12th Inst.
23rd. Mr John Casper Dymond died. He belonged to the Society of friends, he lived with us a considerable time. He was a very worthy and highly respectable young man 26 years of age, a lingering consumption the cause of his death.
24th. Mr Dymond buried to day in the Cemitary.
29th. Henry's horse fell with him this evening near Mr Standish's gate. He was returning to the Omata Stockade. - when he unfortunately broke his Leg a little above the Ancle Joint Right Leg.

MAY.

2nd. William returned from the Nelson diggings. Received a letter from Mrs Brind, third wife of Co. Brind C.B. containing a duplicate and triplicate of a former Bill of exchange for 100 pounds.
10th. Harrison returned the cart, amount £1.8.0 one pound eight shillings, Paid. Sent a letter to Susan.
27th. W. Richards hired the Cart @ 1/- a day. Paid.

JUNE.

5th. Received a letter from Susan in which was enclosed a Bill on Melbourn for 70 pounds- 50 pounds of which was paid to Mr Richard Chilman to discharge a liability, he having given me a Receipt bearing this day's date.
24th. Percy Bailey left Taranaki for Sydney Via Auckland in the "Sea Gull" Schooner.

JULY.

21st. Henry returned to the Omata Stockade for the purpose of resuming his duties, having been at home since 29th April when he unfortunately broke his leg.

SEPTEMBER.

1st. The Steam Vessel "Ld. Worsley" was wreacked about 40 miles from New Plymouth. She was coming to N.P. from Nelson about 60 passengers were in her, all were saved. She struck about 1 o'clock a.m. She had on board 150 pounds weight of Gold dust which was providentialy preserved from the Maories. The Maories have at this time a Toll gate and exact from every one who passes 5/-. The most inconsistent part of it is that a Resident Magistrate has to pay 200 pounds, a Police man 500. Such things exist at this present time within 15 miles of New Plymouth where a Garrison of ..... Soldiers (57th Regt.) are now stationed.

6th. News has just been received that we are to have full compensation for our losses and 25 per cent on the whole amount up to the present time. Say 2½ years.
16th. The Mare foaled last night a Colt.
22nd. The Man-of-War Steamer "Harrier" called at New Plymouth on her way to Wellington. She left about 4 o'clock p.m. same day.

OCTOBER.

20th. Came into New house in the street called "Molesworth" Street.

NOVEMBER.

1st. Four Cypress Trees were planted at each corner of St. Mary's Church New Plymouth, one may be seen .... Two may also be seen at the foot of the Rev. William Bollands grave, they were planted on the 27th August 1847 (See that date).

DECEMBER.

20th. General Cameron C.B. arrived at New Plymouth in H.M. S.S. "Harrier" from Wellington for the purpose of inspecting the troops 57th and 65th Regts. stationed here. The General also mustered the Volunteers and Militia. He paid the former a very flattering compliment for past bravery, and for their efficency to day 23rd inst.
23rd. The General took his departure this afternoon in the "Harrier" for Auckland.
24th. Mrs Newland embarked on board the "Prince Alfred" Steamer for Nelson.

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JANUARY.

2nd. Mr .... Beardworth, master of the "high school" New Plymouth, terminated his existance by blowing his brains out with a Rifle , he had been given to intemperence for a considerable length of time. A new Starred glass window is now about being finished in St. Marys Church to commemorate the immotal memory of the Revd. Mr Bollands late Minister of the above Church East Window.

FEBRUARY.

7th. A most frightful disaster befel the Man of War Steamer "Orphus" which was entering the Manukau harbor. She had come from Australia, it was about the middle of the day, she became a total wreck, 172 tons were lost also Com. Burnt.

MARCH.

4th. The Governor Sir Geo. Grey came to New Plymouth in H.M. S.S. "Harrier" from Auckland accompanied by General Cameron C.B., Mr Darnitt Colonial Secretary, Mr Dillon Bell Native Minister. William, Henry, M. Browne accompanied by others went to the Mountain and assended its summit as high as was practicable being quite as great an altitude as has ever been attempted, the all appear well pleased with their fatigue, the party were absent for 6 days- left on Monday 3rd returned on Saturday 9.
12th. This morning at 8 o'clock 300 of the 57 Regt. mustered at the foot of Mount Eliot and marchd to Wilkinsons farm for the purpose of commencing road making in that district headed by Colonel Warre C.B. commander of the troops in Taranaki and Col. of the Regt. Gen. Cameron C.B. and Sir Geo. Grey Governor of New Zealand followed in the rear. William appointed one of the mounted orderly's yesterday 11th Wednesday.
16th. H.M. S.S. "Harrier" called at New Plymouth this morning and steamed immediately for Auckland taking General Cameron C.B. She has been to Nelson since the 4th.

19th. The above named Steamer came back from Auckland with 200 of the 70th Regiment and marched to Maces farm the same day and encamped for the purpose of commencing road making. John has opened a store and Canteen there to day.

21st. The "Airedale" Steamer brought down from Auckland 50 horses and men belonging to the Horse Artillery for the purpose of doing duty as cavelry. Mrs Newland returned from Nelson Per "Airedale" Steamer 17th instant.

---- APRIL. ----

18th. Saturday. Received dear Susan's kind present from Scharunpore India, almost every thing arrived in splendid condition.

22nd. Mr Richard Leatham came to see us from Nelson, he arrived at New Plymouth in the S.S. "Airedale".

MAY.

4th. This day will be as long remembered as Tuesday, the 27th Mar. 1860, when five of our fellow settlers were shot down and tomahawked while peaceably following their several vocations on the Omata road. To day eight more of our fellow country-men under circumstances as horrible as those which attended the death of Messrs Ford, Shaw, Passmore and two little Boys. At 1o o'clock this morning the inhabitants of N.P, were thrown into a state of great excitement by the arrival in town of Ropata Ngarongamate from Pontoko with the intelligence that the Natives had attacked a party of the 57th Regt. on their way to town from Tataraimaka. The General, and Col. Warre 57 Regt. were soon on their way followed by the Governor (Sir George Grey) from N.P. Captain Bulkely A.A.C. galloped back to announce to the Colonial Secretary Mr Domett that several Soldiers had been shot. The excitement of the towns-people reached, when confirmatory tidings came in town by more than one horse men, that no less than six men and two Officers had been way ledd and shot down by an ambuscade of Natives on the beach near Wairau , between the Oakura river and the Tataraimaka block. Exactly in the same place as that occupied by the Rebels last Monday, when my Son William being one of the mounted Escorts had to pass. Providence caused him to be detained for about half an hour beyond his usual time or he without doubt would haven a victim to their cruel barbarity. The following ar the unfortunate fellow creatures who fell victims. Asst. Surgeon W.A. Hope, Lieut. T.M. Tragett 57th Reciment, color Sergeant Saml. Elliss 57th Reg.
Sergeant Saml. Hill "
Private Edwd. Kelly "
" Jno. Flynn "
" Bart. Macarthy "
" Wm. Banks "

7th. The funeral of these unfortunate fellow creatures took place this morning soon after 10 a.m. 5 in St. Mary's Church yd, the other three in the Roman Catholic burial grounds - followed by a large body of troops, and also a very large number of the inhabitants. The Brethren of the Mount Egmont Lodge Free Masons of which Lieut. Tragett was a Brother followed in procession. The Governor and staff, The General and staff, the houses of business and all the shops were shut, it was a mournful day in the town of New Plymouth. The Band of the 57th playing the solemn music "Dead march in Saul".

11th. This day a Proclamation was issued declaring the Abandonment of the Waitara purchase which has been the cause of so much blood-shed. "And whereas circumstances connected with the said purchase unknown to the Government at the sale of the said land have lately transpired which make it advisable that the said purchase should not be further prosceeded with. Now therefore the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council doth hereby declare that the purchase of the said block of land is abandoned and all claim to the same on the part of the Government is henceforth renounced." Given under my hands at New Plymouth and issued under the Seal of the Colony of New Zealand this 11th day of May 1863.

Signed G. Grey.

by his Excellency's command
Alfred Darnitt)
Col. Secretary)

God Save the Queen.

P.S. The foregoing has given the inhabitants of N.P. very much displeasure. The War which broke out in March 1860 has again broke out as will be seen in the preceeding page. It is thought by some that Sir George Grey has given up this land to the Maories in consequence of their being obstinate about the Tataraimaki Block.

25th. The inhabitants of N.P. were much excitable through information that the town was threatened to be entered either to night or early to morrow morning, by the rebels who were seen in the vicinity of Mr Jno. Smith's farm, near Mr Shuttleworth's, carring torches and throwing up lights thro' the night. All the Militia and Volunteers were on duty through out the night, a larger number has never been called together for night duty before, having charge of the town, the whole of the troops 700 in number were this morning marched to the scene of action as the Pah was to be attacked on the morrow. Whether it was in consequence of the unfavorable state of the weather (very wet) or any other cause is not known, all we know is they did not make the attempt.

26th. The troops which left the town yesterday, were ordered to return again and were most gladly received by the inhabitants. The poor fellows were drenched with rain as the day was very wet throughout, and the duties intended yesterday were posponed. Mr Richard Leatham left us in the "Airedale" Steamer for Otago. George who is now 16 years old has been sowrn in as a Volunteer and is regularly doing duty.

28th. The natives came pretty to the town last night for it was discovered this morning that the flagstaff erected on Mr Sharlands suburban residence about ten minutes' walk from the centre of the town, had been cut down and the blocks and tackle, etc. removed and carried away; the house was also ransacked, the windows smashed and considerable damage done to the fittings etc. Fortunately Mr Sharland's family moved into town last week.

29th. Intelligence reached town to day of the miraculous escape of Lieutenant Waller 57 Regt. who was riding from St. Andrew's Redoubt this afternoon to the Poutoko alone, and on reaching the two honeysuckel trees which stand at the bottom of the hill at the edge of the bush, about 1000 yards from Bob's Pah, he received a volley from a party of Natives hidden in ambush. His horse received a bullet through the head, the animal fell instantly. Mr Waller escaped hurt altho' he had been fired at twice after the volley. He with difficulty disengaged himself and cocked his Revolver and one man advanced towards him and taking aim Mr Waller shot him through the body, a second shot was fired at him without effect. Firing was heard at the Redoubt when assistance soon arrived with Col. Warre at its head, entered the bush in the gully and after a careful search a native unwounded was discovered and siesed by a private named Miley 57 Reg. of the Oakura party. The man was taken alive and on his person was found the watch and chain and other valuables belonging to Lieut Tragett and a rifle belonging to one of the victims already recorded in this diary.

30th. This morning (Saturday), the native taken yesterday was brought into town and given in charge to the main guard on Marsland Hill. He proves to be a half cast named Hore (George) one of seven forming the anbuscade yesterday and who was captured by a party of the 57 from Poutoko yesterday under Col. Warre. A letter has been received from Mansion House London acknowledging having received the sum of £319. 4.0 from the settlers of New Plymouth in aid of the Lancashire distings. cotton opperatives. The Mount Egmont Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons E.C. No. 908 Subscribed £65.16.6 of that amount and I have much pleasure to add one of its Members.

JUNE.

4th. This day, exactly a month since the Wairau beach massacre will be long remembered by the Southern Natives. An expedition for several days past has been preparing for an attack on the enemy's positions South of Tataraimaka on the Katikara Stream. Every thing has been kept quite secret until a late hour last night that a movement was intended when in the fine moon light night the forces numbering about 450 men, silently marched from town leaving it in the care of the civilian force under Major Mould R.E. The consequence is that the enemy has been taken by surprise. The report of Guns was heard at an early hour in town - at 10 a telegram was received by Major Mould from Gen. Cameron with brief intelligences - "Tataraimaka 9 a.m. Enemy completely routed with heavy loss and positions carried; we lost only one man killed and four wounded." Great excitement in town and anxiety to hear further news. It is gratifying to know that a day of reckoning for the Southern murderers has arrived and that the murders on the 4th May have been avenged. H.M. S.S. "Eclipse" left here at 4 o'clock a.m. for Tataraimaka with the Governor on board, the ship rendered much service in throwing shells into the enemys pah. The "Eclipse" has returned to the anchorage bringing the Governor, and Gen. Cameron, the latter was heartily cheered when he landed on the beach, and three cheers were also given for the Governor. The Regiments engaged were 57, 65, 70, 40, the former has suffered most as will be seen by sustaining the greatest loss. 1 Killed (private), 2 mortally, and 2 severely wounded, 1 wounded 70th. The General has publicly thanked the Militia and Volunteers for their services last night. The Maori loss is stated to be .... killed. The Governor left for Auckland this evening in the "Eclipse" Steamer.

20th. The Turnpike Board which has been so much talked of having been set up by the Maori rebels, was exposed to the public gaze on the Huatoki Bridge.

AUGUST.

9th. Sunday. A fatal accident occurd resulting in the death of Mr Alexander King, an old Settler in landing from the Steamer who had just come from Auckland. Mr King's body was recovered within a few minutes after the accident but life was extinct.

11th. The Schooner "Sea Gull" belonging to Mr S. Oliver of this place was struck by lightning during a thunder storm that passed over this settlement between 9 & 10 o'clock a.m. She was beached near the Henui River where she now lies a total wreck. She was discharging cargo at usual place.

25th. 118 Men came from Otago under the Government regulations, preparitory to taking the land on which they are entitled to. Viz. 1 acre of town, and 50 rural in the confiscated district of Omata to each man - for the present they are located in the various Block houses. The men seem quite the right sort to defend themselves against the Maories.

SEPTEMBER.

3rd. William has obtained an Ensignary in Taranaki Militia from this date.

NOVEMBER.

1st. The strong hold of the Waikatoes named "Moremere" situate on the banks of the Waikato River, was taken this day without the loss of a single life. All the Rebels fled, and Gen. Cameron C.B. with detachments of the 12th, 14th, 18th, 65th and 70 Regiments, making altogether including 250 Blue Jackets 600. P.S. Great resistance was apprehended which happily was not the case.

20th. Total overthrow of the Rebels. 37 British killed and 92 wounded. Heavy loss on the Rebel side. 183 prisoners. This Battle was fought at "Rangiriri" on the Waikato River, a very strongly forti-

fied Pah. The number of Maories is said to have been 2000, a great number escaped through the swamps. It is said the Maori King made his escape in this manner.

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FEBRUARY.

9th. John was married to day, to E.L. Knight, Daughter of Mr John Knight watch maker, Devonport at St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth By the Ven. Arch Deackon "Govett " A.M.

12th. The Bush Rangers put to flight today a considerable number of Maories who had committed wholesale slaughter of twenty sheep belonging to the Settlers. The rebels had the whole of the meat in their ovens cooking. The Rangers coming upon them so suddenly they were unable to take any portion of it with them and made their escape with all the agility a Native is capable of, only one having been seen altho' it is supposed there must have been more than fifty altogether. The Rangers were No. 1 and 2 Company. Henry and George were among the number, they did not return home till 9 o'clock p.m. The weather very hot, moist and foggy. This adventure was made in the Mangorei district about three quarters of a mile inland of the "meeting of the waters".

13th. Postscript from "Taranaki Herald". "Just as we were going to press a ship was signalled and proved to be the "Gusham" 965 tons Capt. Bayly, from Melbourne with 420 military settlers on board for New Plymouth. The Officer in command is Lieut Pennyfathers. The Gusham left Melbourne on the 30 ult and has been therefore 14 days out. She reports that the "Brilliant" with 118 more men was to leave two days later."
The "Brilliant" arrived to day with Military Settlers 118 in number (See the other side).

28th. Sunday. The Bush Rangers were suddenly called on this morning to revenge the death of a valuable settler named Mr Geo. Patterson who was shot at in three places and frightfully Tommahawked, the Scull almost severed. The news arrived in town about ½ past 10 a.m., just as the people were going to church. The town was quite in an excited state. The Bush Rangers followed the rebels up and were seen on Burtons hill, they fired and one of them was wounded as blood was seen on their arrival. N.B. Henry and George were among the number 2nd Company.

MARCH.

New Gallery in Church erected (West End.)

25th. Good Friday. The capture of Kaitake took place this morning about half past eleven o'clock. This strong hold we have all looked at and talked about for the last ten months. A few days ago Ahuahu, Te Tutu, and another Village, all south of Kaitake have been taken and burnt, some horses and cattle brought in, and a great deal of growing maize, and other crops, destroyed - but the main thing has been the capture of Kaitake. Col. Warre 57 Regt. had arranged that the different parties should move to the attack at ten o'clock, but Captain Atkinson's party was delayed by having to take a much longer round than was expected, indeed they went within a few chains of the top of Patuha, the highest peak in the range, which the Bush rangers found very difficult to pass through, the supplejack thick and very troublesome. Just before they emerged the fell in with and killed one Maori who was trying to escape that way. Immediately after the head a cheer in the clearing below, and rushing out the found Captain Corbett had taken the Pa. Henry and George were among the number who entered the Pa and set fire to the Huts. They left home the night before and was in the neighborhood of Kaitake during most of the night.

APRIL.

5th. This day has been a very sorrowful one for the whole of this Settlement to have to record, it being the first real defeat our forces have suffered at the hands of the natives during the present War. Our loss has been 6 of our countrymen killed, Captain Lloyd 47th. Regt. and 5 others, beside 12 others wounded and missing. It is truly appaling to record the number of wounds Cap. Lloyd received, gun shot wounds penetrating - one through left chest, one through abdomen, two through pelvis, also two through right shoulder and one through right thigh fracturing femor, a tomahawk wound of right calf and body decapitated. Private I. Dooley gunshot wound right shoulder and body decapitated 57 Rt. Private Geo. Sadler gun shot wound of right shoulder and two tomahawk wounds of left arm and body decapitated. Militia (Victorians) Killed. Corporal H. Banks, gunshot wound through abdomen and body decapitated. Private James Neagles gunshot wound through pelvis and body decapitated. The decapitation of the bodies is a new feature in the war, and we have yet to learn the motive which induced the Maories to resort to a practice which can only find its parallel in the deeds committed by them in their cannible state.

8th. These unfortunates were buried this afternoon in the Cemetary with military honors, the fine Band of 57 Regt. performing the "Dead march in Saul". Our own Band did their part remarkably well in the same musick. N.B. The day was a very mournful one.

18th. An expedition started to day at 1 o'clock to the South for the purpose of reconnoitering the position of the rebels who are said to be in strong force in the country of Taranakis. The force under the command of Major Butler 57 Ret. consisted of about 500 men - 150 57th under Cap. Russell, and Cap. Stewart and 300 Bushrangers Volunteers, and Military settlers under Major Atkinson. There were also some of the Royal Artillery with 2 Armstrong guns. The force set fire to a great many wharies and destroyed crops etc. The Bushrangers rendered good service, they were ordered to the top of the Ranges which they accomplished most readily. 1 Soldier was slightly wounded 57 Regt. Not known how many of the enemy were wounded or killed. The Bushrangers returned about 8 o'clock p.m. on Thursday being about 4 days. William, Henry and George formed part of the expedition.

30th. This morning (Saturday) about 8 o'clock the rebels estimated near 300 in number and probably not less, were seen slowly and steadily making their way towards the redoubt on Sentry Hill, occupied by a detachment of the 57 Regt. commanded by Cap. Shortt 75 in number. The rebels approached the redoubt by yelling more like a pack of dogs than any thing else, it is a new mode of stimulation not often heard of before. Shortly after this they were seen by the Sentries in the redoubt emerging from the bush which hides the Waiongana ford and which is distant about 800 yards. Cap. Shortt with very great judgment ordered his men to lie down under the breastwork of the redoubt and kept the Sentry marching to and fro as usual as if no danger was expected. The Maories advanced till the leading men were about 150 yds off, but there halted as if rather doubtful. Then Cap. Shortt gave the word; the men sprang up an opened a murderous fire with their rifles and two cohorn morters. The natives drew back a little but stood the fire remarkably well taking such cover as the high fern and irregularities gave them, the ground being very much broken. The returned the fire, but with but with hardly a hope of hitting any of our men protected as they were by the breastwork of the redoubt. Drummer D. Hurley wounded in the shoulder being the only casualty on our side; Major Buller 57 Regt. soon arrived from Mahoetahi with reinforcements and ordered a charge, the last of them soon ran - leaving behind them 37 killed. One prisoner (Big Joe) he is well known by every one in N.P. as a dangerous, treacherous wreach. No mention is made of the number of wounded which was no doubt great.

MAY.

11th. Henry left home for Nelson in the "Airedale" Steamer Wednesday at Noon.

24th. This evening (Tuesday) at the Masonic Hotel a very handsome present was made to the late Harbor Master Mr Jno. Watson. It consisted of a "Merechaum Pipe" beautfilly mounted in gold representing a Surf Boat manned, as at present used at New Plymouth, also a silver tobacco box to accompany the pipe. I was present at the presentation by invitation.

25th. Two company's 57 Reg. left N.P. for Wanganui.

JUNE.

15th. George unfortunately broke his thigh this afternoon by stepping into a Baker's cart, (or rather attempting to do so). He was taken to the Militia Hospital. N.B. Left thigh .

23rd. Bought a town section of land of the Revd. H.H. Brown for H.M. Leathem for 40 pounds. Situate on Woolcombe Terrace.

JULY.

4th. The Head of Captain Lloyd brought to New Plymouth by Lieutenant Cumming 57th Reg. from Wanganui. The Rebels gave the head up to an interpreter who was sent for that purpose named Broughton. It was given up on demand and not as a favour, it is supposed the Natives in that district are wavering in their hostility. Henry returned from Nelson and Wellington on Sunday 3rd Instant.

AUGUST.

1st. Expedition to went South of Waitara, 500 Soldiers and Volunteers they were absent three days. The rebels passed the following day (what a pity!).

6th. George came home from Hospital.

OCTOBER.

8th. Manutahi the stronghold of the Ngatiawa tribe was taken, also Mataitawa the place where Wm. King the chief of all the rebels lived. The force consisted of 350 of 70th Regiment, 100 Bush Rangers and about ... mounted men. The loss on the rebel side 1 killed 1 prisoinr brought to town badly wounded died later, 1 other altho wounded escaped - 2 of the bush rangers wounded one through arm (private Searwell the other slightly near the hip. H.G. Turner. There where about 20 rebels in the Pah at Mataitawa who offered resistance but fled on the Bushrangers entering it. - Commanded by Col. Warre C.B.

11th. (Tuesday). At day breake another expedition started from Mahoetahi where it had camped the night before, to take Te Arei, Hepoiwai Stronghold. It consisted of 350 70th Regt. detachment of the royal Artillery, the Mounted force and about 100 friendly natives. This pah was taken without firing a shot, this the pah which has made Gen. Pratt so notorious in sapping so uselessly, some people say he would have continued to sap to the present time if he had been superseded by Gen. Cameron. This expedition was led by Col. Warre C.B.

31st. The whole of Taranaki Militia, Volunteers, and Mounted Men were disbanded very unceremonously and very suddenly which has given much dissatisfaction. Some serious inconveniences have been experienced through it.

NOVEMBER.

19th. General Cameron arrived at Taranaki in the Steamer "Alexandra" from Auckland bringing 250 troops 43 Regt.

21st. The general assembly called together very suddenly to consider the state of N.Z. generally as the affairs of the Colony are in a fearful state in consequence of the Governor's vacalating policy.

22nd. Another arrival of troops from Auckland 25 in number 43 Regt.

DECEMBER.

1st. Thursday. The Infant daughter of my eldest son John was interred in the Cemetary N.P. this day born 19th Nov. being only 11 days old.

7th. The thistles were cut down to day on the Frankley farm by Henry and George and some ten others, they were armed with Rifles etc. all the time they were at work. On Henry returning home he complained of having a swelling on his side in consequence of the lock of his Rifle bearing so heavily on the part. We are under the necessity of submitting to these vilinous Moaries even noe after very near five years rebellion.

27th. The Pile for "Free Masons Hall" was laid in due form and with solemn prayer by Me, by consent and desire of the "Mount Egmont" lodge situate in Brougham Street facing St. Mary's Church.

---- 1855. ----

MARCH.

21st. Appointed Inspector to Town Board and began the duties to day. William promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and embarked on board the " Alcione" Steamer to join the troops at Patea where Gen. Duncan Cameron is engaged in the Maori Rebellion. William belongs to the Bush Rangers who have volunteered for that Service, 50 in number. 200 of the military settlers has also been sent to the seat of War by same Steamer this day (Tuesday).

MAY.

23rd. Susan (Mrs Brind) returned from India, also her dear child Minnie. (Tuesday).

JUNE.

24th. "Freemason's Hall" Broham Street N.P. was consecrated this day at 12 p.m. by me in the presence of a large number of the Craft - There were present three Lodges Viz.

"Mount Egmont" No	E.C.
"De Burgh Adams" No	I.L.
South Kilwilling	S.C.

JULY.

9th. The New Organ in St. Mary's Church was first opened this morning (Sunday), it was purchased with the money raised by a Bazarr through the Kindness of the Ladies of New Plymouth.

AUGUST.

11th. The Revd. H.H. Brown has hired the Frankley land for one year from this date for thirty pounds.

DECEMBER.

17th. The Bishop of N.Z. Doctor Selwin held a confirmation in St. Mary's Church on Sunday this afternoon. He also preached on the following Sunday and Christmas day in a very impressive and powerful manner.

---- 1866. ----

JANUARY.

27th. This morning, at 10 a.m. Major General Chute, at the head of his force, arrived in N.P. on his way Southward. When arrived at

the Arch of the bridge on the Huatoki River the whole force halted. An address was presented to the General and his brave men by H.R. Richmond Esqr. Superintendent of Taranaki on behalf of the province. When the extent of Gen. Chutes success became known, a public meeting was hastily called, and it was unanimously resolved that he and his men should receive a public reception, and a committee was appointed to carry this into effect. A handsome triumphal arch (the first ever put up in Taranaki) was erected on the Huatoki Bridge beautifully decorated with flowers and foliage, it consisted of three arches - one over each foot path and the larger one the whole width of road way. It was felt that the able Gen. could no nothing except through his army it was decided to give a dinner to the 500 men comprising the force. This was well carried out yesterday 26th by the Licenced Victuallers Society, a good substantial dinner being provided accompanied by a pint of beer each. The dinner took place at the camp by the Katere Pah beyond the Waiwakaiho. The General, Staff, and his men, were cheered most heartily as they passed through the Arch. The General returned thanks in a short address thanking the people of Taranaki for their hospitality and then after the cheering was over the column pressed on to the South. The have made a most succesful march from Wanganui to Mataitawa South sides of the mountain, burnt and destroyed every viliage they have met with. The weather was very unfavorable being wet, they were under the necessity of staying some of their horses for food being hard run.

MARCH.

8th. Colonel Warre C.B. left this Province (N.P.) in the Steamer "Storm Bird" for Wanganui, he finally leaves New Zealand for England. He kindly gave Mrs Brind (Susan) a horse which was usually ridden by Mrs Warre while residing in New Plymouth.

OCTOBER.

27th. The Bishop of New Zealand Dr. Selwyn held a confirmation in St. Mary's Church New Plymouth on Tuesday, Helen was one of the candidates.

---- 1867. ----

JANUARY.

7th. William came to see us from Patea overland in company with Commissioner of Customs Mr I.C. Richmond, O. Carrington, R. Parris and Cap. Morrison.

8th. Waiwakaiho Bridge was carried away by a strong freshet early this morning it was erected in 1859. See entry. The season has been very unsettled and a great deal of rain has fallen.

27th. William returned to Patea overland in company with Mr O. Carrington and others.

APRIL.

9th. Returned to Frankley farm. N.B. On March 12th a fearful fire took place in the Bush lasting many days - nearly destroying the new house which was in state of forwarness.

---- 1868. ----

FEBRUARY.

8th. We were visited at Frankley with a frightful hail storm such I never saw before at 1 o'clock p.m.

JUNE.

29th. William embarked for Patea in Steam Vessel "Shurt" in company with Major Van Temporky from Auckland. William is now known by the rank "Sub Inspector".

JULY.

Had news from Patea the block house which was in the possession of Cap. Ross and 25 men were attacked by the Rebels on the morning of .....about 4 o'clock a.m. when the Captain and 9 of his men were killed and 5 wounded.

OCTOBER.

18th. Earthquake. A severe shock of an earthquake occured through out both Islands on the night of this date. New Plymouth suffered more than any other place as many as 200 chimneys were thrown or otherwise affected, one person W. Hirst had 13 shook down. The shock took place about 10 minutes after 12 o'clock.

---- 1869. ----

FEBRUARY.

Disturbance again with the Maories. A much respected Missionary of the Methodist persuasion named Whitely was murdered at the white cliffs. Also Lieut. Gascoigne wife, and three children and two others.

25th. 100 of the constabulary landed on the beach this morning from the Patea district to assist the present force in this Province commanded by Sub Inspector Gudgeon,

---- 1870. ----

JANUARY.

17th. The 18th Royal Irish took its departure from N.P. There is not a soldier now left belonging to the Imperial Army in N. Zealand

---- 1872. ----

SEPTEMBER.

30th. William and George took their departure from home (Frankley) for the purpose of going on the Land belonging to William at Wairoa.

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JANUARY.

20th. Monday. George who had come up on a visit, returned to Wairoa - he has taken the old Mare and three foal's with him.

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